

LULL IN BRITISH ELECTION FIGHT

POLITICIANS RESTING
UNTIL AFTER CHRISTMAS

Lloyd George and Churchill
Are, However, Conducting
Active Campaign.

London, Dec. 15.—The lull in the political crisis is due chiefly to sheer exhaustion of the leading combatants on both sides after the prolonged session. In some cases Radical and Unionist fighters are agreeing upon a truce until after Christmas. Mr. Balfour has gone to his Scottish seat to rest and play golf until after Christmas, but Messrs. Lloyd George and Churchill continue fighting all they know.

It is regarded as significant that one of the few places where Mr. Balfour will speak before the election is in support of the candidature in the Shipley division of Yorkshire, of Professor Helms, secretary of Right Hon. J. Chamberlain's tariff commission and supporter of his policy of moderate duties with a preference.

The Daily Mail campaign against Germany on the strength of the investigations of the Socialist leader, Blatchford, is being used to convince the British electorate of the unwisdom of trusting the destinies of the Empire to men who desire to reduce armaments. Mr. Blatchford's article yesterday ended thus: "To some of us there is sufficient cause for anxiety as regards German intentions in the facts within our own knowledge. Ministers and ex-ministers of the King must in the nature of things possess knowledge which we lack. They are anxious, they warn the country of impending dangers. Are we to believe they are mistaken, or is it reasonable to assume that the King's political, naval and military advisers are better informed than labor members and Mr. Winston Churchill?"

Ex-Colonial Secretary.
Mr. Lytton, ex-colonial secretary, speaking at Slough Monday, said: "Even Socialists admit the peril, as can be seen from the incisive and vigorous article of Mr. Blatchford. If it is true—and many of the most weighty and least alarmist men of the country believe it to be true—that during the next ten years we are going to pass through a time in which it might be the case that our supremacy at sea was going to be gravely menaced, if not actually attacked, then surely, quite apart from sentiment, as a matter of security and defence, we ought to buttress up this little state of ours with the rising strength of the young nations which sprang from us (cheers), and without whose assistance this country must inevitably, in course of time, sink from the proud position in which she now stands."

Radical View.
Radical hopes continue to run strong. Monday night a high ministerial authority interviewed in this connection, replied as follows: "I am persuaded we shall win, and that Mr. Asquith, when called upon by the King to form a government will reply: 'Neither I nor any colleague of mine can accept your majesty's commission to form a government.'"

Radical View.
The Lords will forego their power of veto in all Commons legislation, not merely financial. The Lords may delay any bill for consideration, (Concluded on page 2.)

MAYOR EVANS RE-ELECTED IN PRAIRIE CAPITAL

Four Sitting Controllers Are
Also Again Re-
turned.

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—In the civic election yesterday only 2,500 votes were cast out of over 38,000 on the list. Mayor Evans was re-elected by over 2,000, one opponent receiving 200 and the other less than 100 votes.

The four sitting controllers, Messrs. Cockburn, Waugh, McArthur and Harvey, were re-elected. Two other candidates, A. W. Putter and Thos. Wilson, also ran.

The aldermanic contests resulted as follows: Ward 1, Ald. Adams, acclamation; Ward 2, Ald. Fowler, acclamation; Ward 3, J. J. Wallace; Ward 4, Ald. Douglas, acclamation; Ward 5, Ald. Wilmshurst; Ward 6, R. J. Shore; Ward 7, Ald. Midwinter.

The sitting school trustees were all re-elected.
DIES SUDDENLY.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—Former Congressman Phillip B. Thompson, Jr., of Kentucky, who was stricken on the street last night with a hemorrhage of the stomach, died at the emergency hospital this morning. He was 64 years of age.

CIVIC FIGHT WARMING UP

MUCH INTEREST IN
MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Believed That Fourth Mayor-
alty Candidate Will Enter
Field Soon.

With only a month to elapse until polling day, interest in the municipal elections is growing, and there is much speculation as to the outcome of what everyone is agreed will prove one of the most interesting contests in the history of Victoria. Aside from the large ticket in the field seeking the office of mayor, there are elements in the situation this year calculated to arouse a greater amount of interest than usual. For months past there has been a great demand for reforms in respect to the civic administration, and thus the public is eagerly awaiting developments which promise a new order of things.

Though the campaign will hardly assume its most lively pace until after the holidays, already public meetings have been held and the issues defined. It is likely that the questions which will chiefly engage the attention of the electorate will be those respecting a better water supply, better streets and better departmental service.

Three candidates for mayor are already in the field—W. E. Oliver, Ald. J. H. Turner and Ald. Henderson—and as dark horses who may yet enter the contest, the names of R. L. Drury and A. J. Morley are mentioned. Though the latter has declined to give a flat denial to the rumors that he will run this year for the office of mayor, it is very generally believed that nomination day will find him in the field. In that event it is not believed that Mr. Drury would also be a candidate.

Mr. Oliver is putting up a splendid fight and is rapidly adding to his list of supporters, because of the frank and candid fashion in which he states his position on the questions engaging the attention of the electorate. He has already addressed meetings in the city and at Spring Ridge, and will this evening speak to the ratepayers of James Bay district, at a meeting to be held in the South Park school. The chair will be taken at 8 o'clock, and a cordial invitation is extended to all voters in the district to be present.

Ald. Turner, though he has not yet called any public meetings, is nevertheless waging a very aggressive and effective campaign. He is supported by a splendid organization, the members of which express the greatest confidence that he will be elected by a good majority. Ald. Turner has summoned a meeting of his general committee for this evening at the rooms, 614 Fort street.

Ald. Henderson is depending for success upon a quiet, persistent canvass. His friends regard him as a certain winner, pointing to his long record in the services of the city in justification for their optimism. Ald. Henderson has issued a card to the electors, in which he says: "After having served as alderman for three years I now respectfully solicit your vote and influence for the important position, and promise to do my utmost for the progress and betterment of our city. My views have already been published and will be more fully explained from the platform. My principal objects are: The securing of Sooke as a water supply. The introduction of more efficient management of the public works department. The stricter guarding of public morals. A systematic improvement in making and beautifying our streets and parks."

A majority of the members of the aldermanic board at present constituted, it is believed, will re-election. Mayor Hall, it is known, will retire to private life, and Ald. Stewart makes a statement of similar intention. Of those whose names have been mentioned as possible candidates for seats at the aldermanic board there are A. G. Sargison, E. F. Geiger, George Jones, Herbert Cuthbert, W. G. Winterburn and James Hastie. The game is young yet, however, and doubtless there will be a considerable number of others in the field shortly.

The Voters' League is playing a prominent part in the campaign, and it is understood that each of the mayorality and aldermanic candidates will be presented with a list of questions propounded by the league, with the request that the same be answered before election day.

REDUCE WAGES.
Anacortes, Wash., Dec. 15.—Local shingle mill owners have declared for the open shop and a 10 per cent. reduction in the present wage scale. All Anacortes shingle mills are in the movement. The 10 per cent. reduction puts wages back to the scale formulated by the shingle weavers' international convention in 1907.

Officers of the local union say the men will not stand for the cut. The mill owners have formed a local association and they say they are determined to fight the matter to a finish if necessary.

JOINS TRADE UNION.
Miss Annie Morgan, daughter of Financial Member of Woman's League.



WHAT JOHN BULL WILL HAVE IN HIS STOCKING.

The Aged Party—"Christmas isn't what it used to be when I was young."

SEARCH FOR STORM VICTIMS

NUMBER OF VESSELS
PATROL LAKE ERIE

No Trace of Missing Members
of Crew and Passengers
of Car Ferry.

Erie, Pa., Dec. 15.—With the further abatement to-day of the storm that has menaced traffic on Lake Erie during the past week or so, renewed efforts were made to recover, if possible, the bodies of victims of car ferry Marquette and Bessemer No. 2, which were believed to be still adrift somewhere on Lake Erie.

The car ferry, which is supposed to have foundered in the middle of the lake a week ago yesterday during the heavy storm, carried 38 persons on board, and nothing has been heard from more than a score of these. The Commodore Perry, which has led in the search of the persons who left here on board the ill-fated vessel and which found nine of the victims frozen to death in a yawl on Sunday last, has again taken up the hunt and scoured the lake hoping to find the remaining crew and passengers of the boat.

A number of other craft also left here to-day to steam about the lake to assist in the search.

LIFE SAVERS DRIVEN BACK BY STORM

Efforts to Rescue Crew of
Stranded Car Ferry Un-
successful.

Port Burwell, Ont., Dec. 15.—Marooned on the car ferry Ashabula the crew of thirty are threatened with starvation. The only food the men have had since Sunday has been Christmas cake.

The life-saving crew has again been driven back, but will continue attempts to save the men to-day.

ROYAL WEDDING.
Brunswick, Duchy of Brunswick, Dec. 15.—The wedding of Duke Johann Albrecht, of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, and Princess Elizabeth of Stolberg-Russa, was celebrated to-day in the presence of the Emperor and Empress, the King and Queen of Bulgaria, Princess Henry of the Netherlands and many others of the royal households of Germany and Austria and the Italian and British ambassadors.

TWO POWDER HOUSES ARE BLOWN UP

Man Killed in Railway Camp
on the Skeena
River.

(Special to the Times.)
Hazelton, Dec. 15.—A powder house at a construction camp at Copper River was blown up Monday, and an Italian named Mike Masterson instantly killed.

A small powder house at the railway camp near Hole in the Wall on the Skeena river, containing a number of cases of high explosives, blew up on Saturday morning. Slight damage was done to the railway grade and the Yukon telegraph line.

The cause of the explosion is not known.

MONEY PLENTIFUL.
Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—Last week was a record one at the local postoffice. More money orders being issued during the week than during any other week since this postoffice was established in the city.

"The prosperity of the country" always seems to be the motto of the business man, said Postmaster McIntyre, when asked to what he attributed the great increase of business. "We can always tell when there is lots of money in the country by the way in which people are sending it away."

AUTO FATALITY.

Pasadena, Cal., Dec. 15.—Agnes Claypool, daughter of a wealthy resident, was killed and Harvey Bissell, son of Frank Rapids, a millionaire, was fatally injured when an auto crashed into Eagle rock canyon. The couple were engaged to be married.

NEW BISHOP OF LONDON.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Very Rev. M. Fallon to-day received a telegram from Archbishop Starrett summoning him to Ottawa presumably to receive the notification of his elevation to the bishopric of London, Ontario.

SHERIFF GUARDS PRISONERS.

Oseola, Ark., Dec. 15.—Guards, under the sheriff, are camped in the jail here to prevent the lynching of six negroes who are said to have organized to attack white people.

ROCKEFELLER DRUG STORES.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—It is reported that J. D. Rockefeller intends establishing a chain of drug stores across the continent to use oil by-products.

CANAL PROJECT.

Washington, Dec. 15.—In a report by the war department to the House the \$3,000,000 project for a canal to connect Lake Superior and the Mississippi river by way of the St. Croix river, is considered commercially impracticable and inadvisable, though practicable from an engineering point of view.

CONSTABLES SENT BACK TO COAST

INDIAN TROUBLE
REGARDED AS OVER

Only One of Ten Specials Dis-
patched From Prince
Rupert Retained.

(Special to the Times.)
Hazelton, Dec. 15.—Nine of the ten specials sent here from Prince Rupert were discharged on arrival and ordered back to the coast, the government considering their protection not necessary. One man was placed on the permanent force and will remain at Hazelton. The residents wired the member for the district, also to the premier asking that all specials be retained here until the opening of navigation in May, but to no effect. The party left with the mail carriers for the coast last week.

Two more Indians of Klapo valley have been found guilty of participating in the recent trouble, and were given two months each. Otherwise the Indian situation is quiet.

KILLED IN COASTING ACCIDENT.

Lafayette, Dec. 15.—One boy was killed and six seriously injured when a hauled crashed down a hill and into a Wabash locomotive.

IMPRISONED MAN MAY GAIN FREEDOM

Report That Confession Has
Been Made Exonerating
Superintendent Milne.

(Special to the Times.)
Vancouver, Dec. 15.—A sensational sequel to the B. C. Electric Railway case, when Supt. Milne was sentenced to jail on August 3rd last year, occurred last night when George Maynard was arrested. The latter was charged with a man named Sharman but jumped his bail. Sharman was fined \$100 and three months. Both were charged with issuing false cheques. It is now stated that a confession has been made which will exonerate Milne.

VANCOUVER TRAMWAYS.

(Special to the Times.)
Vancouver, Dec. 15.—At the board of works last night a resolution was passed for a carline down Richards street, making an alternate route to Granville. Property values have been jumping for a week in anticipation of the move.

SURPLUS WILL EXCEED SIXTEEN MILLIONS

Hon. W. S. Fielding, in Budget Speech, Says New
Records are Being Established—Tariff
Will Not Be Changed.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Dec. 15.—Hon. W. S. Fielding before a full attendance of members delivered his fourteenth annual budget speech yesterday afternoon, speaking for only about one hour, and presenting probably the most satisfactory financial statement in the history of the Dominion.

Hon. G. E. Foster replied with his usual criticism of alleged extravagance, and the growing national debt. The debate on the budget will probably be continued until the Christmas adjournment on Friday next.

Hon. Mr. Fielding, rising at 3.30, began by noting that last session he had not been able to make as optimistic statement as in previous years. Now he spoke under conditions of general trade recovery, and could tell of a growing revenue, good financial outlook and a splendid surplus. The commercial depression of last year had passed.

Briefly reviewing the financial statement for the last fiscal year, he noted a total revenue of \$85,500,000, or a decrease of \$11,000,000, compared with the preceding year chiefly owing to the decline in custom receipts. Still there had been a surplus of revenue over all ordinary expenditure amounting to \$10,291,171. On capital account the total outlay had been nearly \$49,000,000. The increase of the debt had been \$45,000,000, of which National Transcontinental and the Quebec bridge account for \$31,317,132.

Coming to the current fiscal year, he could present a much more favorable statement. The lost ground in the revenue had been recovered, and new records were being established.

In the first eight months of the year ending with December 1st the revenue had been \$44,656,500, an increase of \$9,541,582, compared with the corresponding months of last year. He estimated

preceding ten years. Hon. Mr. Fielding argued that this increase of \$9,000,000 in revenue should be credited to the amounts paid out in bounties, totalling \$13,377,000 during the ten years.

During the thirteen years of the government's regime—\$212,000,000—had been spent on capital account, and of this \$147,000,000, or 69 per cent., had been met out of the revenue. The Conservative administration during the preceding thirteen years spent \$167,000,000 on capital account, and only \$45,000,000 of this, or 29 per cent., was met out of the revenue.

The population of Canada was estimated at 7,450,000, and the debt per capita would be \$45.85, as compared with \$50.82 in 1896.

The trade of the year would probably exceed the record of \$650,000,000 set in 1907.

In respect to trade relation with other countries, Mr. Fielding noted that Belgium and Italy were anxious to enter into a reciprocity tariff arrangement with Canada, and in due course negotiations would be opened up.

He believed there was little fear of a tariff war between the United States and Canada, and the Canadian government, at any rate, would not assume there was any reason to worry.

Mr. Fielding intimated that arrangements would shortly be made for a Canadian gold coinage. The profits from operation of the mint would be \$271,838.

There were, he said, no tariff changes to propose this year, there being no imperative need shown for any interference with present satisfactory fiscal conditions.

SHIPOWNER DEAD.

Montreal, Dec. 15.—A telegram received in the city announces the death in England of Sir Alfred Lewis Jones, head of the big shipping firm of Elder, Dempster & Co.



HON. W. S. FIELDING.

LAND FOR EMIGRANTS TO AUSTRALIA

Provision Being Made to Settle
One Thousand Families
Annually.

Melbourne, Dec. 15.—Under the "closer settlement" bill now before the Victorian parliament \$1,000,000 annually will be available for the purchase of land for immigrants to Australia. This is enough to settle one thousand families annually.

COPPER ON FARM.

Belleville, Ont., Dec. 15.—A rich strike of copper and arsenic has been made on the farm of Thomas Neal, north of Coe Hill. A deposit of gold quartz was found on the same property some time ago.

TRAIN WRECKED.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 15.—At the local office of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road it is stated that the passenger train No. 10, which was wrecked two miles east of Hazard, Mo., on the night of Dec. 10, was derailed and twelve passengers were slightly injured.

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but if the Commons persists, that bill must go through in the lifetime of that parliament. The King must accept that position or risk financial and administrative chaos, consequent upon refusal by ministers who hold the popular mandate to take office. Obviously this would bring the sovereign into an extremely awkward position."

Asquith and Home Rule.

London, Dec. 15.—Many Irish Nationalist leaders do not make the tactical mistake of welcoming Asquith's pronouncement, which, after all goes no further than declaring that his party if returned to power will be entirely free to introduce a Home Rule bill. They are now pressing Mr. Asquith to say what kind of bill and whether it is to be the foremost Liberal plank, will be adopted. Gladstone's measure as a minimum, or go further and press as Redwood does, for an independent tariff for Ireland.

The Sinn Féin, representing the most advanced Nationalists, declares that Mr. Asquith shall not secure in 1910 as did the Liberals in 1894 Irish support while looking up Home Rule in a tomb.

The Unionists, on the other hand, declare that Mr. Asquith said enough to drive into Mr. Balfour's camp thousands of Liberals and Unionists who dislike tariff reform, but dislike and fear Home Rule more.

HOTEL ARRIVALS**DOMINION.**

J. F. Schroeder, U. S. Navy; F. Wheeler, J. J. Miller, Vancouver; J. H. Wilkinson, Chilliwack; Gilgrip Padfitt, Paris, France; Mrs. B. Kuhn, Miss E. Kuhn, Shanghai; Morgan Hirst, Rae Hirst, Nanaimo; S. J. Wetherald, C. Knapton, D. Roberts, St. Paul; O. F. Wood, North Vancouver; J. A. Macfarlane, Chase & Hadlock, North Hadlock; P. H. Sims, Seattle; P. V. Hobbs, Cadboro Bay; J. H. and Mrs. Greer, Geo. McCartney, Vancouver; V. F. Lade, Nelson; P. H. Fyach, H. J. Moore, Vancouver; J. A. Bue, Tacoma; C. Hengham, H. A. Banfield, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Kendall, Vancouver; J. A. Catherwood, Mission City; J. A. Knowling, W. Dawson and wife, L. J. Bruce, Vancouver; Mrs. Nellie Ryan, Tacoma; J. P. Schroeder, Vancouver; Frank Hall, South Salt Spring; C. T. De Long, V. Davidson, G. Mesher, Vancouver; W. H. Corbett, Prince Rupert; Samuel Spencer, Saanichton.

EMERSON.

J. W. Frost, Greenwood; W. A. Ross, Jr., New York; C. A. Ross, Belfast, Ireland; C. S. Pierce, Spokane; F. W. Law, M. Smith, C. P. Bremner, G. A. McNicholl, F. R. Russell, D. A. Hopper, J. G. Scott, W. F. Goad, A. S. Blakemore, J. J. Mulholland, O. Donnelly, F. G. Evans, J. Ramsey, R. J. Bevan, O. Plunkett, J. T. Fife, E. Francis, Vancouver; C. A. Moorhead and wife, New Alberni; W. A. De Wolf Smith, New Westminster; F. Culbert and wife, Calgary; Mrs. J. McGregor, Nelson; T. B. Simon, Columbus, O.; J. Ryan and wife, A. Lettich, Cranbrook; P. Dawes, Sheffield, Eng.; W. E. Wintemute, Vancouver.

DRIARD.

A. C. McLean, Edwin G. Tall, E. Palmer, W. A. Lawthwaite, W. E. Clarkson, Vancouver; T. R. Jones, Seattle; A. C. Warner, H. G. Gardner, E. Mercer, Miss A. L. Mercer, W. N. O'Neill, C. J. Kay, Vancouver; A. M. Fagan, San Francisco; P. C. Cavanagh, Howard J. Hemming, Vancouver; W. G. Blyth, W. Baldwin, Norwich, Eng.; E. C. Bowden, Winnipeg; Walter Collins, E. Turbayne, J. Woods, Geo. Elridge, Vancouver.

KING EDWARD.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Short, W. Devine, Seattle; A. R. Kelly, Tacoma; Mrs. R. P. Wallis and son, Nanaimo Bay; T. B. Polk, H. P. O'Reilly, Seattle; Robt. Allan, Chemainus; E. McCadden, Gaines Middleton, R. B. Raymond, D. S. Steele, Vancouver; G. H. P. Darby, Torquay; D. C. McDonald, E. L. Grey, D. Hamley Grey, Vancouver; T. E. O'Neill, Wm. Abraham, Cowichan Station; A. V. Porter, Chemainus; J. Morgan, D. J. Rainey, Seattle.

John Bradley, a boy under seventeen, was charged in the police court to-day with unlawfully leaving a horse and rig standing in the street without being secured. The team ran away and was owned by Schofield & Lees. The boy was told he would not be allowed to drive, and was allowed to go with a caution. One drunk from the United States who carried an empty revolver about with him was fined \$5 and lost his gun.

MASONS IN NEW HOME

FORMAL DEDICATION
TOOK PLACE YESTERDAY

Celebration of Fiftieth Anniversary of Order in This Province.

Very impressive were the ceremonies in connection with the celebration here yesterday of the fiftieth anniversary of the introduction of Freemasonry into this province and the dedication of the handsome annex to the regimodelled temple on the corner of Douglas and Fisgard streets. There was a very large attendance of distinguished members of the ancient order from various points in the Northwest, and the proceedings were of the most interesting and memorable character.

The new hall was formally dedicated at 4 o'clock. Most Worshipful Grand Master H. N. Rich, of Ladner, presiding, and the attendance at this function was very large, estimated as between three and four hundred. The two hundred and thirty members of the order, who were present, were most of them from the birth of the order in this city fifty years ago and each event of importance down to the present day. His paper contained a mass of valuable data respecting the history of the Freemasonry in this section of Western Canada and the same will be preserved in the archives.

Mr. Rich was followed by R. B. McMicking, P. G. M., D. Wilson, P. G. M., and A. McKewen, P. G. M., who each gave addresses reminiscent of the early days of the order in Victoria. Dr. I. W. Powell, P. G. M., who had been expected to deliver an address was only able to speak briefly, as he is suffering from the effects of an operation. His place on the programme was ably filled by Wm. Dalby, P. G. M., who spoke most interestingly of the growth of the order in Victoria.

All present expressed themselves as delighted with the splendid new premises which are to be the home of the various local lodges; and the contractors, Messrs. Dinsdale & Malcolm, were warmly congratulated on having completed such a fine structure.

The proceedings in the evening, in celebration of the anniversary, were of an equally interesting character. H. N. Rich, M. W. G. M., of Ladner, again presiding. Addresses historical in character were delivered by De Wolfe Smith, Wm. Dalby, A. McKewen, Hon. W. J. Hower and Dr. Wm. Dalby, who dwelt on the splendid growth of Masonry in this province during the last half-century and the abundant evidence on every hand that still greater achievements would assuredly be recorded in the future. The members of the local lodges were warmly congratulated on the possession of what by common consent is the finest Masonic temple in the whole of British Columbia.

On the conclusion of the ceremonies attendant on the celebration in the large lodge room, which elicited many complimentary references, the whole party reassembled in the handsome banquet hall, where a buffet repast was served. The larger number of the visitors returned to their homes on the steamer, sailing at midnight. A list of the officers, who were in attendance, is as follows:

Grand Master H. N. Rich, Ladner; Deputy Grand Master E. B. Paul, Victoria; Senior Grand Warden F. J. Burde, Vancouver; Junior Grand Warden James Stark, Vancouver; Chaplain R. B. McMicking, Victoria; Treasurer A. McKewen, Victoria; Secretary R. E. Hewitt, Victoria; Senior Deacon C. H. Gatewood, Vancouver; Junior Deacon P. J. Riddell, Victoria; Director of Ceremonies G. D. Christie, Victoria; Grand Superintendent of Works Wm. Henderson, Victoria; Marshal W. H. F. Richdale, Victoria; Sword Bearer L. Tait, Victoria; Grand Standard Bearer A. F. Forbes, Victoria; Grand Stewards G. T. Fox, Victoria, and S. M. Manuel, Esquimalt.

The Dundee whalers' catch this season included fifteen whales, 150 cwt. of whalebone, 1,500 seals, 70 walrus, and 120 tons of oil. One whale got away with an armory of harpoons in its back.

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The district is rapidly being settled and the people feel that the business which the company would get amply warrants such a move. The people would not expect a service of great frequency, but would be content with car runs at such intervals as would prove the most convenient. It is understood that Mr. Goward, the local manager of the B. C. Electric Company, has already been spoken to about the matter and has held out some hopes of the service being inaugurated at an early date.

"The budget has knocked everything, and I am living on borrowed money," said Francis Arden, a bottled beer merchant, who was sued for a debt of £9 1s. 8d. at city of London court.

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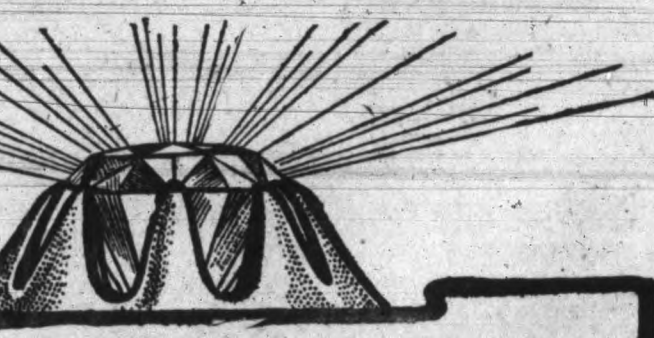
Bellingham, Wash., Dec. 15.—L. B. Lomax, of Everett, was killed, L. Diomedes fatally injured, and half a dozen Italian laborers seriously hurt in the wreck of a Great Northern wreck train three miles east of Sedro-Wailley, on the Rockport branch.

The locomotive, tender, caboose and several flat cars were piled in a tangled heap. The train had passed over an apparently safe stretch of track at noon, but on the return at 2 o'clock, the grade dropped about five feet. The tender and flat cars piled on top of it. In the rear of the caboose two flat cars of steel were being hauled. The steel was thrust forward as the train stopped, completely wrecking the caboose, in which a number of men were riding.

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SIR T. SHAUGHNESSY
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Liners.

London, Dec. 15.—Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, interviewed at Fishguard with reference to emigration, said: "Recently when 1,600 small holdings were offered in England there were 25,000 applications. All these could be accommodated in Canada. We propose to prepare land for this class of small holder, build his house and fence his holding, break part of the soil and sow it, so that he can come all ready to settle down. This will be within reach of any English country man who has \$500 capital to make a start."

"There is really nothing to say about the rumors of building new Canadian Pacific liners for the Atlantic service. We are willing to do our part; the remainder depends upon the government. With 21-knot steamers we could make the Atlantic passage in the same time as the Cunard boats. With a 21-knot service we could equal the Lusitania, and with 22 knots we could beat her. With the assistance of the two governments I hope to see such boats, but there is no definite plans for them as yet."

"The idea of starting boats from Blacksod Bay, Ireland, does not seem to be practicable. It would cost as much to carry emigrants from Liverpool to Blacksod as we now receive for the entire journey."

"On the question of Canada's naval contribution, personally I should like to see Canada ask England to draw up a plan and build two Dreadnoughts at Canada's expense. Then we should send them to England on a ninety-nine years lease for a dollar a year."

Speaking of the launch of the steamship Prince Rupert at Wallasey, F. B. Girdlestone, general manager of the Bristol dock committee, said he hoped that they would shortly have the co-operation of the Great Western railway of England and the Grand Trunk railway of Canada for the provision of a service of high speed passenger steamers between Avonmouth dock and Montreal. It would form the shortest route, he said, between Montreal and London.

Widespread publicity is given Sir Thomas Shaughnessy's views. It is regarded as noteworthy that he dismisses as impracticable a fast service via Blacksod Bay, Ireland, which is associated with the British government's announced intention to contribute \$135,000 towards a connecting railway in County Sligo. Much interest is also taken in President Shaughnessy's scheme to encourage British settlement in the west by preparing land for small holders, building houses, fencing land, breaking and sowing a portion of the soil, etc.

MUST PAY FINE FOR SMUGGLING OPIUM

Prisoner Suffers Lapse of Memory During Trial at Vancouver.

Vancouver, Dec. 15.—A case of opium smuggling from the steamer Empress of China held the boards in the police court Monday. The accused were F. C. Donovan, a white man, and Cum and Yuen, Chinese. Donovan was caught taking some tons of opium ashore, but said he had paid the two Chinamen \$100 for them. Col. Worsnop, surveyor of customs, went on board and at that time Donovan seemed to be sure that Cum and Yuen were the two men from whom he had obtained it, but in the

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Vancouver, Dec. 15.—That James J. Hill intends immediately to prosecute the building of the Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern railway, connecting Vancouver with Kootenay by a short line, is shown by the calling for tenders by the Great Northern for construction of two sections of the line. The first section, 10 miles from Abbotsford, the point in the Fraser river valley to which the Great Northern now operates, to Hope, and from Princeton west up the Tulameen river.

This does not include the section over the Hope mountains which contains the proposed eight-mile tunnel. Either this tunnel will be constructed or twenty-five miles of hill climbing line will be built to surmount the grade.

Several well known contractors are here figuring on the work. They include representatives of Guthrie & Co., of St. Paul and of Pat Welsh & Co., of Spokane.

NELSON MAN GETS BIG LOGGING CONTRACT

To Take Out Ten Million Feet
of Logs for Crow's Nest Pass
Lumber Company.

Nelson, Dec. 14.—T. G. Proctor has arrived home from Kootenay flats, 60 miles north of Fort Steele on the Columbia river, where he has a logging

contract said to be the largest ever given in the interior of British Columbia, if not in the whole province. The contract calls for in the neighborhood of 10,000,000 feet of logs, of which 4,000,000 feet is already skidded ready to be hauled to the river, where they will again be skidded to await driving down the river to Wardner, where they will be delivered to the Crow's Nest Pass Lumber company. Mr. Proctor is to get out at least 5,000,000 feet more of logs before the spring and if he does he says he will have made a record. He has at present about 70 men at work and these will be constantly engaged until the time arrives for driving the logs to the mill, which will be some time next June, after high water. In addition to the logs Mr. Proctor expects to take out between 75,000 and 100,000 ties.

FOUR KILLED IN COLLISION.

Erie, Pa., Dec. 15.—The Twentieth Century limited, the New York Central's fast train, en route from Chicago to New York, collided with the rear end of passenger train No. 10, on the Lake Shore

railroad at Northeast, Pa., 16 miles east of here. At the time of the collision the Twentieth Century was making 60 miles an hour. Four persons were killed, nine probably fatally injured and a number less seriously hurt.

A recommendation that a further effort be made at the provision of means for the education of children during the current financial year should be forwarded to the finance committee, was agreed to at a meeting of the London County Council education department.

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CANADA'S MARVELOUS PROGRESS.

Hon. W. S. Fielding has held the position of Dominion Finance Minister for thirteen years. In that respect the Minister has made a record in the history of Canada. But it is not the only record Mr. Fielding has established.

It is an unusual thing for the post of chief importance next to that of Prime Minister to be occupied by one man continuously for thirteen years in a country under the British flag—it is more unusual still for a Finance Minister to have a practically unbroken tale to tell of abounding prosperity and swelling revenues thirteen times in succession.

As every one in Canada who has followed the course of public events for the past quarter of a century knows, for a considerable number of years prior to 1896 Canada had marked time as far as material progress was concerned. There was a period of stagnation in business which could be felt not only directly by the people engaged in business, but by the classes whose interests are indirectly concerned in the activity of business. The great natural wealth of the country was as fully recognized then as it is now. The first transcontinental railway had been built, the rich lands of the prairies had been opened to settlement, but population could not be secured to develop Canada's natural wealth or to till the productive soil of the vast West. Every possible inducement was held out to settlers from other and less favored lands, but they would not come in, while millions of the native born crossed the border into the United States in search of the opportunities they sought in vain at home.

It would be profitless after a lapse of thirteen years to attempt to analyze the causes of this state of affairs. That it is an absolutely correct statement no one can deny. The matter of importance is that immediately upon the introduction of the first Fielding tariff a change became perceptible. Business improved. The vacant lands of the Northwest began to attract attention in many parts of the world. Population commenced to flow in from the other side of the ocean. It also began to trickle in a tiny stream from the United States. That movement has gone on steadily increasing until to-day the ships of the various steamship lines on the Atlantic are taxed to their capacity, while the stream crossing the border has become a mighty river, bearing not only vast potential wealth in desirable immigrants, but a great accumulation of actual wealth measured in dollars.

The revenue of Canada has of course grown in sympathy with the growth of population. There was but one short period of declension. That was during the last fiscal year, consequent upon the partial failure of the wheat crop in the Northwest and the worldwide depression. But again the tide has turned and is flowing stronger than ever before.

Mr. Fielding estimates that for the current financial year the federal revenue will either exceed or reach the neighborhood of the hundred million mark for the first time in the history of the country. If this enormous increase in revenue were due to an increase of taxation, it would not be a matter upon which to congratulate the taxpayers of the country. But the growth has occurred notwithstanding a substantial reduction in the rate of taxation following a reduction of duties on goods imported. The revenues have increased because the population has increased and the purchasing power of the population has also increased at a greater ratio than the growth of that population.

There are one or two statements of special importance in the annual budget speech of the Finance Minister to which we think it is our duty to call the reader's special attention.

During the thirteen years the Laurier government has held office the expenditure on capital account—that is on account of public works of permanent improvement creating valuable assets, such as the construction of the National Transcontinental Railway, canals and public buildings—have been two hundred and twelve millions of dollars. Of this very large amount not less than one hundred and forty-seven millions of dollars has been taken out of surpluses left after meeting all ordinary expenditures. Mr. Fielding, knowing the criticism that would follow, could not refrain from comparing this showing with the record of the previous administration, which during its last thirteen years of office expended one hundred and sixty-seven millions on capital account, only forty-nine millions of which was taken from

the revenue, the balance going to increase the public debt.

The Finance Minister also announced that the expenditures on the new Canadian navy would be a charge upon the ordinary revenue of the Dominion, not upon capital account, and would therefore not mean an increase in the national debt. This announcement ought to meet with general approval, as ships of war at the best soon become obsolete and cannot by any stretching of a point be considered permanent public works. Besides, the revenue of the Dominion is growing at such a wonderful rate that the construction and maintenance of a navy of growing strength need not hamper the policy of the government in other directions.

Not the least important of the statements of the Finance Minister was that there will be no changes in the tariff, although an effort will be made by the introduction of legislation to protect consumers against illegal combinations in trade, and that there was no reason to anticipate any disturbance in commercial relations with the United States as a result of the adoption by Congress of a maximum and minimum tariff.

The Finance Minister did not follow the example of Sir Leonard Tilley, a former Finance Minister, on a memorable occasion, and tell the commercial and industrial interests of the country to "clap on all sail." Like a prudent financier, he leaves such matters to the individual judgment of those most concerned. But if ever there was a time when such counsel could be justified, it is at the present time.

We do not know that in any country has a Finance Minister ever had such a continuous series of sanguine fiscal tales to tell.

THE LORDS' BLUNDER.

The House of Lords, besides assuming to dictate that a general election shall be held at any time it wills (when a Liberal government is in power), has created an inextricable tangle for the tariff reformers. On a straight issue between protection and free trade there might have been an equal chance for the Conservative party's success at the polls, but when the issue is complicated by an injection of the arrogant assumption of the Lords to a prerogative which has been taken from the hands of the sovereign himself, it is difficult to understand upon what ground the opposition bases its hopes of victory.

The action of the Lords surely betrays how hopelessly they must be out of touch with modern public opinion. If their chief desire had been the success of the party with which the majority of them are allied, instead of a determination to evade their fair share of taxation and to transfer the burden of the budget to the shoulders of all the people, very many of whom already have difficulty in procuring food to eat and clothes to wear, their lordships would undoubtedly have steered a more reasonable course. They have staked a great deal on the hazard of the election, as events will undoubtedly demonstrate. No Liberal government will return to or assume power if the Lords are permitted to arrogate the right of declaring that any measure of importance, although receiving a large majority in the House of Commons, shall be submitted to the referendum before coming into force.

That is the argument they present in support of their rejection of the budget. They do not believe public opinion is behind it. Which simply amounts to a proposition that they think the present is a good time, from a Conservative point of view, to hold an election. That is, while a Tory party in power may continue in power for its full statutory term, when a Liberal government is in power the Tory majority which is always maintained in the House of Lords shall have the right of fixing the term for which it may remain undisturbed in power. That is broadening out the constitution from precedent to precedent with a vengeance. If the Briton has not completely lost his love of fair play, not to speak of his constitutional partiality for freedom, the Lords will find that they have butted their heads up against a stone wall.

The turmoil of the most tempestuous election campaign that has been waged in Great Britain for years does not appear to have disturbed the philosophic calm of Mr. Arthur Balfour, the leader of the opposition has thrown off the burden cast upon his shoulders by the Lords and has retreated to Scotland, where he will indulge in the pleasant pastime of golf and commune with his own thoughts until after the joyous Christmas season. Then he will come forth refreshed to battle. Mr. Lloyd-George ought to follow his great opponent's example, if he is accustomed to play anything else but the political game. From what has been reported in regard to the Chancellor's condition of health, there may be danger of a nervous collapse before the fight is over.

The Times has been asked to make the fact clear that although George Sangster, who has given such satisfaction as reeve of North Saanich, is at present on a visit to Great Britain, he will be again in the field as a candidate for office during the ensuing year.

The public is giving evidence these days of marked confidence in the prospects of Victoria. The real estate market shows a decided tendency in the direction of a rise in prices.

REAL ESTATE STILL ACTIVE

EXAGGERATED REPORTS
HAVING BAD EFFECT

Many Offers Being Made to
Owners of Central Properties.

The real estate movement continues, although the operations have not spread very largely to outside points. Victorians who in former years have been far from optimistic as to the future of the city, are now buying heavily, and there is not an owner but has been asked to put a price on his property if it is centrally located. Among those who have received flattering offers for their holdings is the firm of A. & W. Wilson, the Broad street plumbers, but they are not seeking a market.

There has been a tendency in some quarters to overrate the prices which have been paid. This is not having a good effect, as owners of property imagine from the reports that their holdings are worth more than they really are. An instance of this was in the property known as the Bank Exchange. This, it was reported, was sold by Mr. Sanders for \$40,000, whereas the price received was only \$35,000.

The Victoria theatre block, including the Imperial hotel, as it is now established, has been taken over by a local syndicate including about eight or ten well-known business men. The property will eventually be converted into a business property.

A property which changed hands yesterday was that of the block on Port street lying between the Brown Jug saloon and the new Pemberton block. This property has been taken over by a syndicate for \$125,000, and it is understood that it will be improved in the near future.

The corner of Bay and Douglas street changed hands a few days ago for \$4,500, and on Monday it again changed hands for \$5,750. Since that it has been again sold at an advance.

It is particularly noticeable that nearly all the very easy terms offered for houses have been withdrawn. A number of residential properties have changed hands during the last day or two, and they have been a number of acreage sales made. A number of deals for properties suitable for sub-division are on the tapis and it seems likely that the early spring will see a number of these placed on the market.

Some regret has been expressed at late this year, by Christmas the prairie men will begin to arrive and that will instil a new element into the situation.

Timber has also shown some activity of late. Michigan men have just secured ten thousand acres near Powell Lake. The property is said to be largely cedar and the consideration was in the neighborhood of \$100,000. Michigan men have also purchased 8,000 acres at Alberni and will erect a sawmill there to handle the timber. This is mostly fir and will be used in the export business.

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A party of prominent Grand Trunk railway officials are expected to reach Vancouver to-morrow, and they will probably come on to Victoria in the party is Capt. C. H. Nicholson, formerly of Sarnia, who was recently appointed to the position of superintendent of the company's fleet of vessels on the Pacific coast, and accompanying him are G. T. Bell, Assistant passenger traffic manager, of Montreal; W. P. Hinton, general passenger agent, Winnipeg; J. E. Dalrymple, Assistant freight traffic manager, Winnipeg, and Mr. Salter, the company's representative in London, England.

While here the party will take opportunity to look into the local situation affecting the company's interests which are now assuming such dimensions as to warrant close personal attention from the heads of the various departments.

TRAGEDY OF POVERTY.

A painful domestic tragedy, apparently due to poverty, was discovered at East Finchley, Eng., when Mrs. Ellen Dymall, aged forty-one, wife of a shoemaker, was found to have drowned herself in a bath containing a few inches of water, after asphyxiating her nine-months-old baby. She had shut two other children, Elsie, aged nine, and Ruby, aged seven, in a bedroom and turned on the gas, but the children were rescued by their father. When the husband rose he was attracted by a smell of gas to the children's bedroom, where he found a note in his wife's handwriting: "I have turned the gas on. Elsie and Ruby are in the bedroom. I am with baby in the scullery—Mrs. Dymall." Poverty had recently overtaken the Dymalls, and Mrs. Dymall had worked hard as a dressmaker to relieve the family fortunes. "I have heard her machine going until three o'clock in the morning," a neighbor stated.

A. B. McNeill

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4 ROOMS, Fort, corner, \$2,250.
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LADIES' LAWN HANDKERCHIEFS, narrow and wide lace edge 12½¢
LADIES' SHEER LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS, with initial. Price 12½¢
CHILD'S SILK HANDKERCHIEFS, with initial 15¢
LADIES' LAWN FANCY HEMMED HANDKERCHIEFS. Price 15¢
LADIES' PURE LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS, with tiny lace edge 20¢
LADIES' LAWN HANDKERCHIEFS, fancy embroidered 20¢

LADIES' LAWN HANDKERCHIEFS, with fine lace edge 20¢
LADIES' PURE IRISH LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS, quarter-inch hem 20¢
LADIES' PURE SILK HANDKERCHIEFS, hemstitched border 20¢
LADIES' FINE LAWN HANDKERCHIEFS, fancy hand hemstitched 25¢
LADIES' IRISH LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS, eighth, quarter and half-inch hem 25¢
LADIES' PURE LINEN CROSSBAR HANDKERCHIEFS, fine quality 25¢
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NEW SILK BLOUSE LENGTHS, suitable for Christmas presents, comprising stripes, figures, spots and plaids. Attractively priced, per length, \$1.50 to \$5.00
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Ladies' Hand Bags at Shop-Early Prices.

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COLD MEAT FORKS, gold lined. To-day's bargain \$1.50
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SUGAR TONGS, assorted sizes. To-day's bargain \$1.25
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BABY SPOONS, correct shape. To-day's Special 50¢
FRUIT KNIFE SETS, plain patterns. To-day's bargain \$2.00
FRUIT FORK SET, pearl handles. To-day's bargain \$6.00
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Driven from Home
Eric Train Boy
Five Hundred Dollars
Frank's Campaign
Grit
Hector's Inheritance
Helping Himself
Herbert Carter's Legacy
In a New World
Jack's Ward
Joe's Luck
Jed the Poor House Boy
Julius, the Street Boy
Luke Walton
Making His Way
Mark Mason
Only an Irish Boy
Paul Prescott's Charge
Paul, the Peddler
Phil, the Fiddler
Ralph Raymond's Heir
Risen from the Ranks
Sam's Chance
Shifting for Himself
Sink or Swim
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—Something New—Whole wheat bread with a soft crust, at the Central Bakery, City, 624 Yates street.

—Round Oak Hot Air Furnaces have taken the grand prize at A.Y.P. Exposition. Look them up at Watson & McGregor's, 647 Johnson street.

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—Children's sets, 2 chairs and table, \$2.50. The Capital Furniture Co.

—SHOOTING MATCH—At Oak Dell Hotel, Colwood, December 19th.

—We trade in trays. They make suitable Xmas presents. Heavily japanned oval trays, 12 in. to 24 in., 25c to \$2.25. Rectangular trays, extra good value, at 75c to \$1.75. R. A. Brown & Co., 1202 Douglas St.

—Real estate continues to be very active. If you want to dispose of your property list it with Gillespie & Hart, 1115 Langley street, and you won't have to wait long for a buyer.

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—The federal department of public works has notified the City Council that it cannot arrange to co-operate in the work of preserving the foreshore at Dallas road and other points within the bounds of the municipality. The Ottawa government points out that it has no interest in the foreshore above low water mark, whereas the provincial rights extend from that point to high water mark. The council has written the provincial government on the matter, but no reply has yet been received.

A GOLD WATCH FREE!

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HOCKEY CONCERT AT INSTITUTE HALL

Local Musicians' and Singers' Names Are in the Programme.

In the Institute hall this evening at 8.15 the concert given under the auspices of the Victoria Hockey Club will be held. The hockey boys hope to see everybody interested in sport present this evening. Following is the complete programme: Piano—Selection from Faust. Mrs. (Dr.) Gibson. Song—Jerry, Joe or John. Squire Harry Davis. Song—Selected. Miss Emma Sch. Violin—Concerto in D Minor. Winiawski. Benedict Bantly. Song—Selected. Arion Club Double Quartette. Part II. Duet—Go, Pretty Rose. Marshals Mrs. Wilson and Miss Sch. Song—Two Grenadiers. Schumann. Frederick Waddington. Song—Ave Maria, from Cavalleria. Rusticana. Mrs. H. C. Briggs. Song—Selected. Arion Club Double Quartette.

WHITE VANCOUVER ISLAND.

Ernest McGaffey Calls for Its Settlement by Anglo-Saxons Only.

A strong plea for a white Vancouver Island was put forward last evening by Ernest McGaffey, secretary of the Vancouver Island Development League, who lectured in the First Congregational church on "This Island of Ours." George Carter occupied the chair. There was a good attendance. Mr. McGaffey is an enthusiast regarding Vancouver Island's resources and its future, and he communicated much of his enthusiasm to his hearers. He dealt very particularly with the racial question, and insisted upon the necessity of keeping this a white man's country and settling the island with Anglo-Saxon stock.

—The total bank clearings for the week ending December 14th, as reported by the Victoria Clearing House, were \$1,714,907.

—The regular practice of the Y.M.C.A. lifebuoy crew will be held on Saturday afternoon. All members are requested to turn out.

—The club members of First Presbyterian church and their friends listened to an extremely interesting and instructive address given by Rev. Dr. Campbell on "Astronomy" in the lecture hall of the church last Monday evening.

—As a result of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific lines being put in a state of repair again through carloads of merchandise are coming in over the V. & S. Six carloads came in last night, and others will continue to arrive from day to day now.

—The annual meeting of the Union of Municipalities of British Columbia is to be held at North Vancouver on Friday and Saturday of this week. The Victoria City Council will in all likelihood be represented by Ald. Henderson.

—To-morrow afternoon and evening the ladies of Grace Lutheran church will serve tea and hold a sale of work at the parsonage, 1602 Quadra street. The work to be sold will be small articles suitable for Christmas presents. No large and costly articles will be sold at this time. In the evening there will be a programme of vocal and instrumental music. The proceeds of the sale are to go towards a Christmas tree for the Sunday school.

—One of the best films that has yet been brought to this city will be shown at the Majestic theatre during the afternoons and evenings of Friday and Saturday of this week. The film is entitled "The cattle Thieves," and consists of 1,000 feet of some great scenery, and also at times, proves very thrilling. The great Canadian Northwest is shown and the Canadian Northwest Mounted Police are introduced into the picture in a marvellous exhibition of riding and shooting. All the wise ones will take the advantage of seeing this remarkable film. A number of other good films will accompany the one mentioned.

—Additional subscriptions have been received by W. G. Findlay, who is acting as secretary during the absence of A. J. Brace, towards the fund which is to be sent to the Shaftesbury society to be expended at Christmas time by that society in giving the poor children of London a good meal. With the following donations the amount now totals \$221.40, while there are yet many others to be heard from: Sons of St. George, \$20; F. Davey, \$1; Mr. Thomson, \$1; A. Elliott, \$1; M. Gordon, \$1; E. A. Lewis, \$1; C. S. Baxter, \$1; H. H. Maloney, \$1; W. Blakemore, \$1; J. W. Bolden, \$1; H. Price, \$1; F. Price, \$1; V. Price, \$1; C. Price, \$1; S. Price, \$1; Mrs. Price, \$1; A. Friend, \$1; T. M. Sturgess, \$1; A. Friend, \$1. Total, \$221.40.

ENQUIRY ON THIS EVENING

WHAT'S WRONG AT ISOLATION HOSPITAL?

Dr. Hermann Robertson Asks Board of Health to Investigate.

More than usual interest attaches to this evening's enquiry under the auspices of the civic board of health into the affairs of the isolation hospital, inasmuch as it is anticipated as an outcome there may be changes in the administration. The enquiry has been summoned at the instance of the medical health officer, Dr. Hermann Robertson. Dr. Robertson was asked this morning to state what was the purpose of the enquiry, but declined to say more than that there were a number of matters affecting the welfare of the institution which he desired to bring to the attention of the board. Those familiar with the situation have no doubt that the enquiry will resolve itself into a question of determining the respective jurisdictions of the medical health officer and the mayor, Mrs. King. The latter on several previous occasions has chafed against regulations which she alleged were unsatisfactory, and at her request an enquiry was held some weeks ago. Since that date there have been other developments which Dr. Robertson thinks should be brought before the board, and there is a promise, therefore, that the whole system of management at the isolation hospital will this evening be thoroughly gone into.

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RATEPAYERS MEET AND ELECT OFFICERS

Objects of the Association—Improvements in Civic Management.

In the report submitted at the annual meeting of the Ratepayers' Association yesterday one object of the association was stated to be "the insuring of the election of men properly qualified to administer public affairs, and towards those who take interest in the general public welfare and obtain the benefit of their experience and counsel."

The report concludes: "This association is identical with similar institutions organized in Great Britain and the United States, and it has been found that in every case where the interest of the citizen is awakened, improvement in the administration of public affairs follows as a matter of course. The importance of concerted action is so well known that the policy of this association should commend itself to every taxpayer as a means of obtaining the most desirable legislative action on all provincial and municipal matters and rectifying abuses. Your board, therefore, hopes that its members will urge the public advantage of extending its usefulness by increasing its list of members wherever possible."

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Chairman, F. B. Pemberton; secretary-treasurer, Thos. C. Sorby; board of management, Hon. W. J. Macdonald, E. Musgrave, Major Dupont, E. A. Kirk, J. K. Rebbeck, J. E. Wilson, J. A. Saward and T. Sholt.

The report of the past year's work mentions several matters in which a betterment of civic management was obtained, notably in regard to the engineering department.

CHRISTMAS DINNER.

To Be Held in Y.M.C.A. Hall on Christmas Day at 12.30 o'clock.

On Christmas Day a dinner will be given in the Y.M.C.A. hall at 12.30 o'clock for young men who are away from home. It has been the custom of the association in past years to hold these functions, which are made possible by several men of the association who are interested in the work.

At last year's dinner 54 young men sat down and spent a jolly time together. It is expected that at the coming dinner a much larger number will be in attendance, as the membership of the association has grown to a great extent during the year, and the majority of the new members are young men who have come to this city and are away from home.

At the close of the dinner a social time will be indulged in which is one of the objects of holding this gathering so that the young men may become better acquainted with each other.

Invitations are now being sent out, and those in charge would esteem it a favor if any who receive invitations know of another young man who is away from home, whether a member of the association or not, would kindly let them know so as that they may be invited. There is no charge connected with the dinner.

—The complete returns of Lillooet give a majority of 24 for Archibald McDonald, Conservative, over Mark R. Engelson, the late member.

—The fire brigade responded to a false alarm last night from box 42, corner of Blanchard street and Caledonia avenue. On arriving there they found no trace of fire and no one in the vicinity.

—The death occurred yesterday at the Royal Jubilee hospital of Martha Elizabeth Clark, the beloved wife of Thomas Clark, late of Lytton, B. C. Deceased has been ill for considerable time, and was born in Brampton, Ont., 56 years ago. The remains have been removed to the B. C. Funeral Furnish-



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ORGANS, \$250, \$100, \$90, \$75 and	\$40
COLUMBIA GRAPHOPHONES, \$275 to \$75, \$50, \$25, \$20, \$17.50 and	\$15
DOUBLE DISC RECORDS, all the newest in stock. Each	85c
VIOLINS, \$20, \$15, \$10, \$8, \$5 and	\$2.50
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—The funeral of the late Clifford M. Seales took place yesterday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Company's parlors, where Rev. John Grundy conducted an appropriate service. Interment took place in Ross Bay cemetery.

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DROPPING FROM
AMATEUR UNIONCITY SOCCER LEAGUE
DOES WITHOUT BODY

Victoria West Plays Nanaimo
Saturday—Starts Ball
Rolling.

The Victoria and District Association Football League, having in its jurisdiction five senior grade clubs and eight second division clubs, totalling in all between one hundred and fifty and two hundred athletes, who play all kinds of sports, last night decided to have nothing further to do with the British Columbia Amateur Athletic Union, the union being considered not to hold the confidence of the athletes of the province.

There was one dissenting voice in the fold, and that was the J. B. A. A. of which President Dan O'Sullivan, of the B. C. A. A. U., is a member. The Bays will remain with the B. C. A. A. U., but if all the other athletic clubs follow the lead of their delegates at last night's meeting, the Bays will find it lonely. The island as a whole has now voted the B. C. A. A. U. out of the athletic field, and the soccer men in Vancouver have voted it out of business for them. The lacrosse men in Vancouver have their own league, and do not want the B. C. A. A. U., so that all the principal athletics will probably be run outside it before long, if the present falling off from the B. C. A. A. U. continues.

There remains only the track events and rowing, both of which, it is claimed by those who do not approve of the ruling of the B. C. A. A. U., were admirably conducted before the B. C. A. A. U. was formed. Eastern Canada didn't bother its head about British Columbia in sports, and amateurs never had any difficulty in getting into any competitions back east they wanted, and will probably not have any difficulty in the future.

The Victoria and District Association Football League schedule is almost over, and Victoria West looks like being the winner again. As the leaders of the island city football, they entered the island league to go after the island championship, in the hope of winning it, and then going after the mainland championship. This the B. C. A. A. U. would prevent them doing, because the Lady-smith, Nanaimo and Vancouver soccer players are not affiliated with the union, and the union threatens that without any proof of professional players in the teams being forthcoming, the Victoria West club will be turned out of the B. C. A. A. U. if they play these games. The same applies to the A. O. F., and these two clubs will not stand the dictation and discrimination, and turn the B. C. A. A. U. down, with all the other clubs, bar one, following in their footsteps, so that at the present time the B. C. A. A. U. membership list is being rapidly depleted.

Victoria West goes to Ladysmith on Saturday to open the Island League schedule against the team at that city, and Nanaimo comes to Victoria to play against A. O. F. in the same league at Royal Athletic Park.

FABULOUS SALARIES
FOR HOCKEY PLAYERS

Stars of the Ottawa Stanley
Cupholders Sought by
Renfrew.

Last week saw the biggest battle in the history of hockey for players waged in Ottawa, resulting in another victory for the Stanley cup holders over the Renfrew club.

L. N. Bate and George Martel, of Ottawa and Renfrew respectively, and Marty Walsh, Fred Lake, Fred Taylor and Dubble Kerr were the chief actors in the hockey thriller which kept hockeyists on tiptoe.

George Martel came down from Renfrew the night before and fairly took the breath of Ottawa players away when he made the fabulous offer of \$2,000 each to Kerr and Walsh for one season's work. Then he raised it to \$2,500 and guaranteed them positions in Renfrew worth \$1,200 per year.

Kerr and Walsh promised to accompany him to Renfrew providing he also got Fred Lake and Fred Taylor, Taylor and Lake were immediately called and for three hours the auction of players went merrily on. Several times the men were about to sign when the Ottawa's would send a messenger down and interrupt the gathering.

Lake was finally offered \$2,000 for the season, Walsh and Kerr each being offered \$2,500 and Taylor \$3,000. Two-year contracts for all four at \$5,000 were held out, the salaries surpassing in proportion to the work those of Hans Wagner, "Ty," Cobb and other baseball stars.

Fred Taylor was the first to break away, he finally declaring that all the money in Renfrew would not get him away from Ottawa after he had given Mr. L. N. Bate his word to play there. Renfrew kept after them hot, but Taylor rushed up to the Ottawa headquarters and acquainted Mr. Bate with what was going on down the street. Then the Ottawa's got Lake and at 3 o'clock he announced that he had turned down Renfrew's offer. Renfrew got the last blow about 5 o'clock, when Walsh and Kerr came to an agreement with the Ottawa's.

So sincere were the Renfrew men in their desire to strengthen their own team and wreck that of the Ottawa's that a grip full of money was produced after marked cheques had failed to bring about the desired signatures.

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PROPOSED Y.M.C.A.
AT CUMBERLAND

Committee of Development
League Will Gather Information.

Cumberland, Dec. 14.—At a well attended meeting of the development league, the secretary read a large number of communications from various

sources, among which were two from Y.M.C.A. officials in the east. They were very encouraging and intimated the willingness of that organization to consider the proposition of establishing a branch here. The organizing society expect to be here early in the year to confer with the league on this matter. A strong committee was formed, consisting of Drs. Gillespie and Macdonald, Rev. M. Hastings and Mr. Campbell, secretary, to go into details and work up support. Many other projects in the interest of this district was discussed and set in motion which will be heard of later.

OFFICER CONVICTED.

New York, Dec. 15.—Capt. Thomas Franklin, U. S. A., pleaded guilty here to a long series of petty embezzlements from the mess fund of the West Point cadets.

He was sentenced by Judge Hand in the United States circuit court to two years and six months in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga. His counsel gave notice that he would apply for a writ of error and review.

As commissary and treasurer of the military academy, Capt. Franklin had charge of pay cheques of the cadets, which he deposited with the United States sub-treasury in this city to draw against them for mess supplies. The total amount of his defalcations ran to \$5,550, of which \$4,831 was represented by false vouchers for approval of the United States military academy.

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CHEAP RATES FROM WINNIPEG TO COAST

Excursionists Will Begin to Arrive Here About Christmas Day.

The announcement in regard to the excursions from the prairies, has just arrived and it shows that they are later than on previous years. Tickets will be on sale in Winnipeg and other points on December 16th, 17th and 18th, the fare for the round trip being two dollars in advance of a single fare. This will allow those who wish to spend Christmas on the coast to arrive in good time, or those who wish to remain at home for Christmas to still use the tickets, they being good to leave at such time as to arrive here fifteen days after their purchase.

SPECIAL TRIP MADE TO STEWART CITY

Optimism in Spite of Cold—Whalers Seen at Work in Gulf.

Steamer Vado, which arrived from the north this morning, brought word of having made a special trip to Stewart for the purpose of bringing Mr. Hopkins and party, people who are promoting a railway in that district. They found the weather extremely cold, there being about three feet of snow on the wharf and the thermometer down to zero. There was, however, an optimistic feeling among the residents. Not only will the short line of railway commence construction in the spring, but they expect that the mines will have the largest payroll of any camp in British Columbia. Three to four thousand people are expected to go in there in the early spring.

As the vessel was coming south they saw the two whaling steamers actively engaged in their work. The St. Lawrence had a whale in tow, while the Orion was shooting. Both were in the neighborhood of Sechart. Plenty of whales blowing in the gulf were reported.

A number of people came south on the Vado. W. Pender, the surveyor, brought his party out from the neighborhood of Rivers Inlet. The steamer also brought a good deal of general cargo.

A BOWEL MEDICINE Prevents Constipation, Appendicitis, Keeps Complexion Clear, Assures Sound Health.

Two Remarkable Cases Described by Mr. Hugh Cameron of Folger Station, Ont., Proving the Merit of

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"I am now quite an old man," writes Mr. Cameron, "I being sixty-six years, since I left my native town in Scotland. In that time I have witnessed much sickness and suffering. One case I recall occurred with a neighbor who I heard was about ready to die with appendicitis. I went to see him and found he had been ordered to the hospital weeks ago for an operation. But he put it off and I found him in bed, suffering agony—four days had elapsed since his bowels moved. Having used Dr. Hamilton's Pills regularly for 25 years I knew they would help him and I gave him three pills. In two days he was around, and I know that ever since, this man has enjoyed excellent health and simply because he used Dr. Hamilton's Pills three times a week. No case of constipation can possibly go uncured if treated with Dr. Hamilton's Pills."

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NEW RIVER STEAMER. Sternwheeler May Be Built at This City for Skeena.

C. W. Morrow and George Frizzle, of Prince Rupert, came south a few days ago for the purpose of making arrangements for the building of a new sternwheeler for the Skeena river. It is thought that the business next year will warrant the putting on of additional steamers and Prince Rupert men are anxious to be identified with it. Should the scheme go through it is altogether probable that the steamer may be built here.

SUPERINTENDENT WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS

Gordon Halkett Who Has Nearly Recovered From Accident Going Home.

Gordon Halkett, superintendent of lighthouses for this coast, will leave for Ottawa to-morrow night for the purpose of laying before the government certain recommendations in regard to the improvements necessary on this coast, and to have a personal consultation with the officials at that point.

Incidentally Mr. Halkett will spend Christmas with his parents in Ottawa, this being the first time in several years that he has had an opportunity of doing so.

Although still wearing smoked glasses, Mr. Halkett's sight has improved very much of late. He still bears a few marks of the carbide explosion by which he nearly lost his life, but by the time he returns from the East he hopes to be once more his old self.

Mr. Halkett is very popular in Victoria, where he has a wide circle of acquaintances. All were grieved to hear of his accident some months ago, and they were glad to have him back to his old haunts after a long siege in the hospital. Their best Christmas wishes will go with him on his visit to his paternal home.

MORE HINDUS ARE RETURNING HOME

The Hindus are still drifting back to India. They do not like living here, especially in the winter. They have been working regularly since they arrived, and while some have been saving every dollar for the purpose of returning to their own country, where they can live on only a few cents a day and under more congenial conditions than those which obtain here. To-morrow eight of these will leave for their home on the steamer Empress of China, which will pull out from Vancouver as soon as possible after the arrival of the noon train from the East.

Besides the Hindus the steamer will take 50 Chinese from this port, and she will have a number of saloon passengers from Vancouver. She will also take a quantity of freight.

GOSMOS LINER TAKES CANADIAN EXHIBIT

Setos Discharging Nitrate at Outer Dock—Has Big Cargo Aboard.

The big Kosmos liner Setos arrived here this morning to discharge 150 tons of nitrate of soda which was brought from Chile. Most of the consignment of nitrate was left at San Francisco, about 800 tons having been taken from the Chilean ports. The Setos is loaded with a full cargo of flour and other food stuffs taken at Puget Sound port. When she has discharged the nitrate she will go to Comox to bunker, and then sail direct to South America, where the flour will be discharged and nitrate loaded for Europe.

One interesting part of the cargo is the whole of the Canadian exhibit which was at the Alaska-Yukon exposition. This collection of timber, minerals and other products of the Dominion of Canada is going through to British Columbia. It will be placed on exhibition by Colonel Hutchison on May 1st. It will go by way of the Tehantepec railway.

Daniel G. Cooke, of D. W. Burchard & Co., came over with the vessel, he being the Seattle agent for the Kosmos line. Captain Anderson, the Kosmos line pilot for Puget Sound, brought the steamer over. The captain is well known here, he having been formerly a resident of Victoria. He is Mrs. J. Bowker's father.

The Setos will get away this afternoon.

KNIGHT OF THE THISTLE LOADING HERRING

Run at Nanaimo Not Up to Expectations But May Improve.

Steamer Knight of the Thistle is at present at the outer dock loading salt herring for ports in the Orient. The steamer arrived this morning from Comox, where she has been filling her bunkers. She has a large cargo aboard for the Chinese and Japanese ports.

So far as can be ascertained the pack of herring is small. Preparations were made for putting up twice as much as had ever been packed before, but so far the results have not been up to expectations. The season is young yet, however, and the later catch may make up for the meagreness of the opening.

The Knight of the Thistle is the first steamer to take herring from Victoria this year, but several shipments have been made from Puget Sound.

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THREATENED WITH PARALYSIS.

Peter E. Summers, of Kalamazoo, Mich., relates his experience with Nervous Debility for many years. I lay it to indigestion and nervousness in early youth. I became very despondent and didn't care whether I worked or not. I imagined everybody who looked at me, guessed my secret. I imagined dreams at night, my back ached, my head ached, my hands and feet were cold, tired in the morning, poor appetite, fingers were shaky, eyes blurred, hair loss, memory poor, etc. Numbers in the fingers set in and the doctor told me I had lost my mind. I took all kinds of medicine and tried many first-class physicians, were an electric belt for me, but received little benefit. While at St. Clements I was induced to consult Dr. Kennedy & Kennedy, though I had lost all faith in doctors. I commenced the New Method Treatment and it saved my life. The improvement was like magic—I could feel the vigor going through the nerves. I was cured mentally and physically. I have sent them many patients and will continue to do so.

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BELLEROPHEN COMING HERE ON SUNDAY

News Received That Prothesilaus Will Sail February 5 for This Port.

Blue Funnel liner Bellerophon is expected to arrive back here on Sunday next after filling her bunkers in readiness for the long voyage to England. She has her new propellers working well, and has taken a quantity of cargo at Vancouver and will load some here before leaving for Puget Sound to complete her cargo. On her way out she will make her last call here for a hold full of Orientals going to China.

Officers of the Blue Funnel liner have received advice from England that the new liner Prothesilaus, which is approaching completion at Hawthorn-Leslie's yards at Newcastle-on-Tyne, will sail from Liverpool for Vancouver on her maiden voyage on February 8th, arriving here in April.

The Prothesilaus will include a new feature in the Blue Funnel line for she will have limited passenger accommodation. Among her officers will be Chief Engineer Collins, who was in charge of the Bellerophon's engine room on her last voyage here.

MARINE NOTES.

Tenders are being asked by the Royal Northwest Mounted Police at White Horse for the sale of the American steamer Vidette, which is at present on the ways at White Horse, Yukon Territory. She is 95 feet long and of 124 tons gross.

Sailing schooner Jessie which was being painted on the ways of the Victoria Machinery Co. has been launched and is nearly ready to leave for the north. The crew for the Pescawha has not yet been secured.

SHIPPING GUIDE

OCEAN STEAMSHIPS. From the Orient.

Vessel. Kumeric. Due. Dec. 17. Empress of Japan. Due. Jan. 21.

From Mexico.

Brna. Due. Dec. 20. Georgia. Due. Dec. 24.

From Liverpool.

Ning Chow. Due. Dec. 25.

TO SAIL.

For the Orient.

Empress of China. Due. Dec. 16.

For Australia.

Aorangi. Due. Dec. 21.

For Mexico.

Lonsdale. Due. Dec. 16.

For Liverpool.

Bellerophon. Due. Dec. 25.

COASTWISE STEAMERS.

TO ARRIVE.

From San Francisco.

Vessel. Due. Queen. Due. Dec. 17.

From Seattle.

Princess May. Due. Dec. 22.

From Northern B. C. Ports.

Princess Beatrice. Due. Dec. 15.

St. Denis. Due. Dec. 21.

Vado. Due. Dec. 25.

From West Coast.

Tees. Due. Dec. 15.

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FERRY SERVICE.

Victoria-Vancouver.

Steamer leaves Victoria daily at 1 a. m. arrives at Vancouver 7 a. m.; returning leaves Vancouver 1.30 p. m. arrives Victoria 6.30 p. m.

Victoria-Seattle.

Steamer leaves Victoria daily except Sunday at 12.05 a. m. arrives at Seattle 12.05 p. m.; returning leaves Seattle, except Sunday, at 9.30 a. m. and calling at Port Townsend arrives at Victoria, except Sunday, at 3 p. m.

Building permits are issued to Geo. Andrews for a house on Rose street to cost \$1,100, to George Patterson for a house on Flanagan street to cost \$700, and to Capt. W. D. Ewen for a kitchen on Superior street to cost \$400.

Rev. Father Cairns returned yesterday from a few months' vacation in California. The trip has resulted beneficially, although Father Cairns does not feel fully restored yet.

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S. S. PRINCESS MAY—Sails SATURDAY, DEC. 25th, calling at VANCOUVER, Campbell River, Alert Bay, Swanson Bay, Kitamaat, Hartley Bay, Claxton, Port Essington, PRINCE RUPERT, Port Simpson, KETCHIKAN, Juneau, SKAGWAY, and every two weeks thereafter.

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My views have already been published and will be more fully explained from the platform. My principal objects are:

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The introduction of more efficient management of the public works department.

The stricter guarding of public morals.

A systematic improvement in making and beautifying our streets and parks.

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IN THE ESTATE OF JOHN WILLIAM LAING, M. A., DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate of John William Laing, M. A., late of the Collegiate School, Victoria, B. C., who died on the 21st October 1909, and whose will was proved in the Supreme Court of British Columbia on the 25th November, 1909, by the executor, are required to send particulars of their claims, duly verified, to the undersigned, solicitors for the executor, on or before the 10th February, 1910, after which date the executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which she shall then have had notice. Dated this 8th day of December, 1909. CREASE & CREASE.

NOTICE.

THE HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY hereby give notice that, one month from date hereof, they will apply to the Superintendent of Provincial Police at Victoria, B. C., for a renewal of their license for selling intoxicating liquors at the premises known as The Hudson's Bay House, situated at Telegraph Creek, in the District of Cassiar, to commence the 1st day of January, 1910.

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ORPHANS HOME BOARD MEETS

REPORTS TELL OF SATISFACTORY CONDITIONS

Officers Elected for the Year—Charles Hayward Again President.

The thirty-seventh annual meeting of the B. C. Orphans' Home was held yesterday afternoon at the city hall with President Charles Hayward in the chair. The reports were read and officers elected. There are now 48 children in the home, instead of thirty-eight last year.

Board's Report.
The report of the board of management read by the president was as follows:

Ladies and Gentlemen:—Our highly respected and beloved friend, Bishop Crigge, when dealing some time ago with the early history of the home said: "It was a day of small things, when the need of such an institution pressed itself upon the Protestants of Victoria. In the beginning its operations were unpretentious. The children, including those who had previously been maintained by private subscriptions, were lodged in private houses. Then a house on Rae street was secured, to be succeeded by a new building there, until a bequest of over \$20,000 from John G. Taylor justified the acquisition of extensive grounds and premises at Hillside avenue, suitable to more advanced requirements." It is gratifying to record that each succeeding year has found us more prosperous, and the reports to be submitted to-day still indicate substantial improvements in all directions, while the generous public of Victoria continue an unabated interest in our welfare. It gave your committee, when collecting the annual subscriptions, much encouragement to receive a kindly and almost unanimous response to their appeal, and in many cases volunteer offerings of increased amounts.

Soon after the completion of our new home the subscribers formally approved the sale of the old property on Rae street for not less than \$6,000; but no purchasers at that price could be found. During the year, however, offers amounting to \$11,500 were received, which were referred to a special meeting of the subscribers, who, approving the sales, on deferred payments, bearing good interest, were made.

As yet whereby the home can be constituted guardians of children deserted while in its charge, the Children's Aid Society have kindly come to our assistance when required, and we are indebted to them for obtaining the authority necessary when placing children in foster homes.

The internal affairs of the home continue to be administered by a committee of ladies, chosen annually, who appoint their own officers and servants, and upon whom most of the laborious details of management fall. We submit herewith a very interesting and satisfactory report received from these ladies, and we have no doubt the subscribers will unite with us in according them a very hearty vote of thanks for their efficient and economical services.

Mr. B. S. Heisterman, who for the last two years has kindly served as hon. treasurer, intimates his intention of retiring from office, owing to the pressure of business. As all officers must be chosen from the committee of management, to be elected to-day, we venture to advise the selection of those who are willing to assume some of the arduous duties.

In reviewing the work of the past year your committee feel that there is much to be thankful for, not only for the continued and increasing generosity of subscribers and other helpers, but also for the firm conviction that the home has really been the means of diffusing comfort and happiness to many who might otherwise have been left in misery and neglect, with all its attendant evils.

In conclusion we desire to express our hearty thanks to all who have so kindly assisted, and supported our efforts, and to solicit for our successors a continuance of your sympathy and help.

CHARLES HAYWARD, President.

Ladies' Report.
The report of the ladies' committee in part reads:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:—The approach of Christmas reminds us that it is our duty and pleasure to present the eleventh annual report of the ladies' committee of management, and in doing so we desire to express our thankfulness for the continued gratifying and satisfactory condition of the home and the excellent health of the children during the past year, notwithstanding the menace to their well-being, caused by the frequent upheavals of the neighboring streets, owing to civic improvements, re-sewerage and water supply, causing us often to wish fervently that the paternal hearts of our city fathers might be moved to send a bountiful supply of gum boots for the little feet, which twice daily have during the last few months frequently waded through mud and water to school. Had it not been for the ever watchful care of Mr. Kay insisting on immediate change of wet shoes and stockings, there would probably have resulted many cases of serious illness.

of all; the work as assistant matron having been much appreciated, she being succeeded by Miss Robertson, whose energy, cheerfulness and capability caused her resignation to be much regretted, receiving every felicitation and good wish, on account of the nearness of the happy event, which made this step necessary.

The enforced resignation of our highly valued and appreciated matron, Mrs. Kay, on account of ill-health, comes as a heavy loss to the home, and personal grief to us all; her work for years having been so excellent, her services so conscientious and faithful, that we do not like contemplating the future without her, and we are truly glad that she remains with us until the New Year. We are, however, very pleased to state that in our newly appointed matron, Miss Allen, we believe we shall be fortunate in meeting with one who will be a true and kind "mother" and friend to the 48 children, the little inmates of the home, and also one who will gain the confidence and esteem of all with whom she is brought in contact.

We, as a committee, are most grateful to kind friends and the generous public, that during the year interest in the welfare of the children has been so abundantly exemplified and maintained by constant gifts and practical additions to their comfort and happiness.

Services Rendered.
The Christmas festival of 1908 was referred to in the report; the annual party held June 18th; the chrysanthemum show of November 16th and 17th; summer treats by Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Newton, of Oak Bay, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Truop on the White Swan Flyer—entertainment on the merry-go-round by courtesy of Mr. Burdick; children's fete at Women's Building and the exhibition.

A concert by the male voice choir in aid of the home and the kindness of A. and J. Longfield and orchestra, and Mr. Denham, of the Victoria theatre, for entertaining the children, is gratefully referred to by the committee.

The report continues: Splendid donations of vegetables, fruits, jam, butter, eggs, etc., have been received at the home with much gratitude from the Duncan Christian Aid Society, the Duncan Agricultural Association, also from friends and well wishers of Salt Spring Island, Saanich, Sidney, Cedar Hill, Craigflower, etc.

Our grateful thanks are also expressed on behalf of the children for delicious donations of cake, sandwiches, fruit, ice cream, candies, etc., from city and district churches as also from numerous fraternal societies and St. Andrew's Young People's Society. Also to Capt. Ellison for a summer treat, dear to the heart of children, of ice cream, strawberries and cake, and to the Junior Boys of Oak Bay for cash so unselfishly bestowed.

highest and best interests of the children. Our sincere thanks are also unanimously expressed to Dr. Holden and Dr. Lewis Hall for professional services so freely and gratuitously rendered, facts which have considerably assisted the matron in the care of so large a family.

In extending thanks to all donors, the gratitude of the committee, the matron and children is most heartily expressed to one whose gifts have continued from month to month with unlimited abundance, viz., our generous friend, Tony Silvini, of the E. & N. railway, who has supplied, in unstinted liberality those necessities and comforts in the matter of diet for the children, which otherwise would be unobtainable, having thereby fully earned the title of "The Fairy God-parent of the Home," his gifts materially assisting the commissariat department.

Thanks likewise are tendered to Messrs. Porter & Sons and Mr. King for expressage, also to the Times and Colonist offices for daily papers, and for kind and liberal consideration in press reports.

At this, the annual meeting of the British Columbia Protestant Orphans' Home, our thoughts instinctively turn to one, its revered and honored founder, the Right Rev. Bishop Crigge, whose prayers, sympathetic and practical assistance will ever rest as a benediction on the home; him, over whose venerated brow the shadows and sunshine of nine decades have passed without abating his keen interest in the welfare of the Orphanage. We desire to greet with fervent wishes that the peace and blessings of Christmas may rest upon him and his family circle in abundant fulness.

Thus do we close the record of the events of the past year as the ladies' committee of management, recognizing our indebtedness to the residents of the city of Victoria, the districts and islands, conscious that never have donations been more liberally bestowed or interest in the welfare of the children more strikingly displayed than during the year so quickly passing away, which facts all our hearts with gratitude and thankfulness to Him, to whom

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little children are ever dear and precious. All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. A. M'TAVISH, President.

Financial Situation.

The report of the treasurer, B. S. Heisterman, was as follows:

Receipts.	
To balance 30th November, 1908	\$1,482 70
Annual subscriptions	1,188 70
Annual per ladies' committee	95 00
Proceeds of entertainments	34 85
Donations	15 45
Bequests	9 25
Interest on investments, rents, etc.	1,101 86
Board of children	1,624 80
On account sale of Rae street property	\$1,000 00
Less commission	575 00
	\$ 925 00
	\$6,002 40

Expenditures.

By monthly accounts for supplies	\$1,860 45
Less discounts and refunds	422 10
Less "salt" surplus	45 00
Products	77 76
	\$1,782 72
Salaries	2,425 70
Light	84 45
Telephone	72 70
Printing and advertising	34 85
Improvements and repairs to home	141 30
Furniture, etc.	238 35
Taxes	209 85
Insurance	81 50
Postage	9 00
Legal expenses	15 00
Loan per B. C. Land & Investment Agency	1,500 00
Balance in bank \$1,000 00	
Balance on hand	21 20
	\$1,021 06
Less special trust fund	723 35
	\$ 297 71

The following committee of management was elected for the ensuing year: Charles Hayward, J. H. Lawson, Bishop of Columbia, Right Rev. Bishop Crigge, William Scowcroft, A. B. Fraser, Mr. A. J. W. Bridgman, H. Dallas Holmeken, K.C., David Spencer, Mr. L. Goodacre, Rev. E. G. Miller, Rev. Dr. Campbell.

Votes of thanks were tendered Mrs. Kay and the retiring officers. Bishop Crigge, whose birthday is on 19th Dec., will receive the congratulations of the society. Those at the meeting were: Charles Hayward, the Bishop of Columbia, Rev. E. G. Miller, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, H. Dallas Holmeken, David Spencer, Mr. Lawrence Goodacre, A. B. Fraser, Mr. Reginald Hayward, J. L. Beckwith, Rev. T. W. Gladstone, J. H. Lawson, William Scowcroft, Mrs. W. Fraser, Mrs. Kay, Mrs. J. M. Langley, Mrs. McTavish, Mrs. Toller, Mrs. W. R. Higgins and Mrs. W. F. McCullough.

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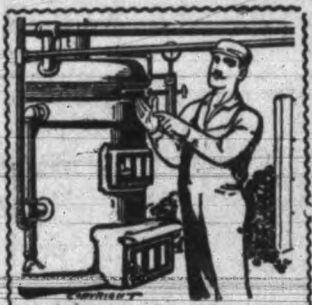
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By order of the Board,

R. CAMPBELL,

General Manager.

Winnipeg, 23rd Nov., 1909.

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THE BANK OF MONTREAL

The ninety-second annual general meeting of the Shareholders of the Bank of Montreal was held in the Board Room of the institution yesterday, at noon.

There were present: Sir Edward Clouston, Bart., vice-president and general manager; Sir William Macdonald, Sir Thomas G. Shaughnessy, Hon. Robert Mackay, Messrs. A. Baumgarten, R. B. Angus, E. B. Greenfield, David Morrice, Hon. J. K. Ward, G. F. C. Smith, Lieut.-Col. Prevost, James Kirby, K. C. J. Fleet, K. C.; John Patterson, Alfred Piddington, George R. Hooper, B. A. Boas, George Durnford, Hugh Paton, H. Dobell, W. H. Evans, G. Scott, H. Joseph and J. Taylor.

In consequence of the absence of the President, Sir George Drummond, K. C. M. G., through indisposition, Mr. R. B. Angus moved that the Vice-President and General Manager, Sir Edward Clouston, take the chair.

This was seconded by Mr. E. B. Greenfield, and unanimously concurred in, after which it was resolved, on motion of Mr. Hugh Paton, seconded by Lieut.-Colonel Prevost: "That the following be appointed to act as secretaries: Messrs. G. F. C. Smith and George R. Hooper; and that Mr. James Aird be secretary of the meeting."

THE DIRECTORS' REPORT.

The Directors have pleasure in presenting the Report showing the result of the Bank's business for the year ended 31st October, 1909.

Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 31st October, 1909, \$27,628.56.

Profits for the year ended 31st October, 1909, after deducting charges of management, and making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts, 1,836,167.74.

Dividend 2 1/2 per cent. paid 1st March, 1909, \$300,000.00.

Dividend 2 1/2 per cent. paid 1st June, 1909, \$300,000.00.

Dividend 2 1/2 per cent. paid 1st Sept., 1909, \$300,000.00.

Dividend 2 1/2 per cent. payable 1st Dec., 1909, \$300,000.00.

Balance of Profit and Loss carried forward, \$602,796.30.

Since the last Annual Meeting Branches have been opened at Three Rivers, P. Q., Weyburn, Sask., Oakwood, Ont., Moose Jaw, Sask., Outlook, Sask., Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., and Sub-agencies at Merritt, B.C., Cloverdale, B.C., Spring Coulee, Alta., and Bathurst, Ont., have been closed.

The Branches at Grimsby, Ont., and Millbrook, Ont., have been closed.

In deep regret the Directors have to record the death of their esteemed colleague, Mr. A. T. Patterson, who had been a member of the Board for upwards of twenty-eight years.

The vacancy on the Board has been filled by the election of Mr. A. Baumgarten.

All the Officers of the Bank, including the Head Office, have been inspected during the year.

G. A. DRUMMOND, President.

Bank of Montreal, 31st December, 1909.

THE GENERAL STATEMENT.

The General Statement of the Bank on 31st October, 1909, was read as follows:

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock, \$14,400,000.00.

Reserve, \$12,000,000.00.

Balance of Profit and Loss carried forward, \$602,796.30.

Unclaimed Dividends, \$12,966,376.31.

Quarterly Dividend, payable 1st December, 1909, \$12,966,376.31.

Notes of the Bank in circulation, \$13,546,289.00.

Deposits not bearing interest, \$1,401,236.27.

Deposits bearing interest, \$128,445,296.58.

Deposits due to other Banks in Canada, \$124,648.04.

Assets, \$130,216,568.89.

Gold and Silver coin current, \$1,862,282.05.

Government demand notes, \$13,240,887.00.

Deposits with Dominion Government required by Act of Parliament for security of general bank note circulation, \$60,000.00.

Due by agencies of this bank and other banks in Great Britain, \$8,719,464.41.

Due by agencies of this bank and other banks in foreign countries, \$4,255,678.78.

Call and Short Loans in Great Britain and United States, \$7,212,382.00.

Dominion and Provincial Government Securities, \$30,367,118.19.

Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks, \$9,575,608.66.

Notes and Cheques of other Banks, \$2,582,243.74.

Bank Premises at Montreal and Branches, \$90,000.00.

Current Loans and Discounts in Canada and elsewhere, \$91,173,656.56.

Rate interest reserved and other assets, \$143,532.12.

Debts secured by mortgage or otherwise, \$3,294.37.

Overdue debts not specially secured (loss provided for), \$91,400,502.96.

\$230,582,746.70.

E. S. CLOUSTON, General Manager.

Bank of Montreal, Montreal, 30th October, 1909.

THE VICE-PRESIDENT.

The Vice-President then spoke as follows:

The most important change from last year in the statement submitted to you is the usually large increase in deposits, amounting to \$36,000,000. Part of it is temporary, pending large payments in connection with special transactions, part is the natural increase from depositors as a result of the prosperous condition and affairs in this country, but the largest portion of the increase arises from money brought into Canada from other countries. It is quite possible that if the apprehensions expressed in many quarters as to the consequence of the new methods of British taxation are realized, deposits from this last source may be still further increased. It is very important, therefore, that nothing should be done in Canada by injudicious legislation, the exploitation of doubtful enterprises, or otherwise, to stop this flow of capital. Our call loans have increased by about the same amount as our deposits, and what is not necessary to retain as a portion of our reserves, will be gradually brought into the country to meet commercial requirements as they arise.

The profits are some \$120,000 less than last year, but considering the low rate ruling for the greater part of our fiscal year in London and New York the result may be regarded as satisfactory. I am glad to say that the outlook for the coming year, or at least for the earlier months, is more promising, and I shall be much disappointed if we do not make a better showing when next we meet.

The rapidity of the recovery of trade from the set-back following the monetary crisis in the United States two years ago has been as striking as it is satisfactory. Conditions to-day are, as a whole, excellent. The large harvest gathered in the Northwestern Provinces in itself affords a basis for some time and profitable business for some time to come. How considerable a factor in the commercial life of Canada the agricultural output of our Northwest has become may be realized from the fact that the yield of wheat, oats and barley is this year 213,635,000 bushels, as compared with 222,629,000 bushels in 1908, 169,000,000 bushels in 1907, of 22,000,000 in 1906. A tenfold gain in the grain product of the Northwestern Provinces in nine years conveys some idea of the commercial potentialities of the country.

The marketing of wheat has been quite prompt, and the railways have had no difficulty in moving the crop. In the ten weeks to November 14th, there had been inspected in the Northwest 43,866,000 bushels, being 10,300,000 bushels more than in the corresponding

period of 1908, while the shipments from Port William and Port Arthur amounted to 35,515,000 bushels up to November 14th, or 13,300,000 bushels in excess of the preceding year's shipments.

Our foreign trade has not only reached, but has begun to exceed, the high-water mark of two years ago. In the six months ending September 30th last, imports for consumption and exports of domestic products were of the value of \$292,857,000, or \$46,000,000 in excess of the corresponding period of the preceding year, imports having been larger by thirty-six millions and exports by ten millions. The adverse balance of trade has thus again begun to grow, but while men and money pour into Canada from abroad the disparity need not cause uneasiness. Domestic industries, as a whole, are generally working well up to the limit of capacity. Labor is fully employed; the lumber trade has improved. The export of dairy produce has been larger than last year, with high prices ruling throughout the season; all farm products, indeed, are exceptionally dear.

Such tests as bank note circulation, bank clearings, railway earnings, all point to the great activity of business. At the end of October the note circulation exceeded \$59,600,000, or \$6,000,000 more than a year ago. Business failures have been neither numerous nor serious, being for the year to October 1st, 1,496, with liabilities of \$12,915,000, as compared with 1,629 failures and liabilities of \$16,959,000 in the previous twelve months.

Railway construction is proceeding apace over the whole face of the Dominion. West of Lake Superior nearly 1,100 miles have been built this year, and the Western Provinces now have 11,500 miles of railway, as much as the mileage of all Canada twenty years ago.

Immigration has picked up after the short relapse in 1908, the estimate of the number of new settlers this year being 150,000, about one-half of whom are experienced farmers who have moved into our Northwest from the United States. The evidences of expanding trade, accumulating wealth, and material progress and development might be cited at great length, and a pleasant picture painted of our happy condition. There are, however, dangers to be avoided, and never more so than when the outlook is so bright and inspiring. A tendency to over-speculation in real estate in some parts of Canada is already apparent, and this, like other forms of gambling, can bring only disaster when the inevitable crash comes. How suddenly conditions may change the rapid advance in the Bank of England rate last autumn attests. Only by prudence both in taking and

granting credits and by avoidance of wild-cat ventures and exploitations on the high reputation Canada enjoys in the British money market, can we reasonably anticipate a continuance of the prosperity now enjoyed.

There is only one other observation I desire to make. As you are aware, the decennial revision of the Bank Act will take place during the present session of Parliament. In one or two respects changes of a more or less technical character will be found necessary, but the Act has been so thoroughly revised in the past, it withstood so staunchly the trials of 1907, and its operation has been found to conform so admirably to the requirements of trade and the interests of a rapidly developing country, that I hardly think it likely that any material change will be made.

In our note circulation we have a system which enables us by its elasticity to carry out the heavy autumnal demands without creating any monetary stringency; and to show how valuable it is to the whole business community, I need only point to the fact that we are moving the large crop in the Northwest with great ease and without any advance in rates to our commercial customers.

I beg to move: "That the report of the Directors now read be adopted and printed for distribution among the Shareholders."

This was seconded by Mr. E. B. Greenfield, and unanimously adopted.

Mr. H. Joseph then moved: "That the thanks of the meeting be presented to the President, Vice-President and Directors for their attention to the interests of the Bank."

Mr. C. J. Fleet seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

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Sir Edward Clouston expressed acknowledgment on behalf of himself and fellow-officers.

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The ballot for the election of directors was then proceeded with. The scrutineers appointed for the purpose reported the following gentlemen duly elected:

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SECRET COMMISSIONS

LEAD TO THE PRISON

Effect of New Law is Drawn to Attention of Board of Trade.

The secretary of the board of trade is in receipt of a communication from the Toronto board of trade, calling attention to the Secret Commissions Act, which was passed by the Dominion parliament last session on the initiative of the minister of justice as an outcome of Judge Cassel's inquiry into the affairs of the department of marine and fisheries.

The object of the act is to prevent the acceptance of commissions, or what is popularly termed "a rake-off."

The act is entitled "an act to prevent the payment or acceptance of illicit or secret commissions and other like practices." It applies to all persons who act for a principal, whether that principal is the crown, a municipality or a business firm, and the "consideration" is defined as including all valuable consideration of any kind.

It is a criminal offence for an agent to accept or ask, or attempt to obtain, for himself or anyone, any gift or consideration as an inducement or reward for any act affecting his principal's business. It is equally an offence on the part of anyone who offers or gives such consideration, or who gives any false document intended to mislead the principal. The penalty is two years' imprisonment, a fine not exceeding \$2,500, or both. In case of summary conviction the penalty is imprisonment for six months, or a fine not exceeding \$100, or both.

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REPORTED BATTLE IN NICARAGUA

ZELAYA PROMISES TO
RESIGN PRESIDENCY

Proposes Madruz as Successor
—Latter Not Popular in
Republic.

New York, Dec. 15.—Report here is that a great battle between Zelaya and Estrada is taking place to-day. The rebels are said to have taken the initiative.

Proposed Protectorate.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—The state department is seriously considering establishing a protectorate over Nicaragua, either alone or with Mexico.

The battleship Missouri is held ready to be sent from Newport News at a moment's notice.

Zelaya's Proposals.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—Yesterday's dispatches containing an account of the anti-Zelaya demonstration in Managua were confirmed by a telegram received at the state department from Vice-Consul Calder. From this dispatch, which was dated yesterday morning, it appears that some of the demonstrators were arrested by government authorities, but who the people placed under arrest were is not indicated.

The dispatch also says that Zelaya has published a statement promising to resign the presidency of Nicaragua in favor of Madruz, who as Zelaya's candidate is not the choice of the people there.

In the absence of any specific information on the subject the state department officials discredit the news published some days ago of any important engagements between the government and revolutionary forces at Rama, in which the revolutionary army is said to have been defeated. The fact that the government has received no information on the subject is regarded as almost proof positive that no engagements have taken place at Rama.

Should Zelaya carry out his purpose of resigning and installing Madruz in his place as president there is reason to believe that the Estrada faction would continue their activities with even greater vigor than they have against Zelaya.

The people of Nicaragua, it is said, cannot look for better conditions under Madruz's administration than under Zelaya's, as he is known to be a strong partisan of the former, although he has himself been a number of times in prison by Zelaya's direction.

It is also known that Madruz's selection would not be satisfactory to the government of the United States, and therefore his installation into the office of president of Nicaragua would rather tend to complicate than to simplify the situation in that country.

Postpone Investigation.
Washington, Dec. 15.—Secretary of State Knox has requested the senate committee on foreign relations to postpone the suggested investigation of the Nicaraguan situation until such time as things shall have quieted so as to enable him to give the committee a clear understanding of Central American affairs.

Disorders in Capital.

Corinto, Nicaragua, Dec. 15.—There were scenes of wild disorder in Managua, the capital, to-day. During a meeting of the assembly one of them made a speech denouncing Madruz and favoring the revolution. The speech was greeted with cheers and hootings, and a free fight among the government and anti-government elements followed. Two pistol shots were fired. The row extended to the streets. Twenty arrests were made.

PLEDGE SUPPORT
TO THE LIBERALS

Nationalist Convention Endorse
Resolution Adopted by
Executive.

Dublin, Dec. 15.—The Nationalist convention opened to-day with John Redmond presiding. A resolution adopted by the party committee yesterday pledging support to the Liberals in the coming general election was unanimously endorsed.

Timothy Healy and a handful of dissenters were not present.

Predicts Liberal Victory.

London, Dec. 15.—F. R. Brassy, speaking at a Conservative meeting at Boxhill, predicted the return of the Liberal government. There would be a considerable turnover of votes in England. It was possible there might be a Conservative majority, but the utmost they could hope to win in Scotland was eight or ten seats; in Wales one or two; while in Ireland there would be no change at all. The result would be that the present government would be returned to power with a majority dependent on the Irish, Scotch and Welsh votes.

NEW CHIEF OF STAFF.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—Major General Leonard Wood, now in command of the department of the East, will be the next chief of staff of the United States army. Secretary of War Dickenson made this announcement to-day. General Wood will succeed General J. Franklin Bell, whose term at the head of the general staff will expire next spring.

CARPET WEAVERS STRIKE.

Quebec, Ont., Dec. 15.—Employees of the Brussels weaving department of the carpet factory, numbering 88 men, are on strike and that department is closed up as a result of a dispute regarding the payment of overtime.

TEN KILLED IN RAILWAY WRECK

FOUR CARS GO
DOWN EMBANKMENT

Thirty-five Passengers. Also
Sustain Injuries—Coaches
Fall Into Creek.

Roldsville, N. C., Dec. 15.—Before most of the passengers in two sleeping cars had been awakened and while the occupants of two passenger coaches were just beginning to stir after a night's ride, the four rear cars of train No. 11, of the Southern railway, were dashed down a fifty-foot embankment from Reedy Creek trestle, ten miles from here, and twelve miles north of Greensboro, killing ten men and injuring thirty-five other passengers.

The cars that left the track landed in the small creek that flowed beneath the trestle.

The wildest scene of panic prevailed as the sleeping passengers attempted to escape from the cars amid the scene of death.

The names of those reported killed were: John A. Broadnax, of Greensboro, N. C.; V. E. Halcomb, a lawyer, of Mount Aird, N. C.; Edward Sexton, of Denton, N. S.; Frank W. Kirby, formerly of Portsmouth, Va., whose present address is not known; A. T. Cone, superintendent of the Richmond division of the Southern railway; D. C. Nolan, conductor of one of the Pullman cars; C. H. White, travelling auditor for the Southern railway; and a stage man whose name could not be ascertained.

The names of the other two reported killed are unknown.

George Gould, the New York millionaire, and his son were passengers in one of the sleeping cars bound from Norfolk to Thomasville, N. C. They were both slightly injured.

The wrecked train was operated locally between Richmond and Atlanta, Georgia, and carried sleepers from Richmond to Charlotte and from Norfolk to Thomasville, N. C. They were both slightly injured.

The injured passengers and trainmen were taken to St. Luke's hospital, Greensboro, N. C., where they were cared for.

Sixteen Reported Killed.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 15.—At 1 o'clock this afternoon a report reached here from Roldsville that 16 people were killed in the wreck on the Southern railway near there. Two bodies had been removed from the wreck at noon, but it is said there are other bodies now under the second sleeper which is totally demolished and under water.

LEOPOLD AGAIN
IN GRAVE CONDITION

Feeling in Brussels is Pessimistic in Spite of Official
Statement.

Paris, Dec. 15.—A special dispatch to the Temps from Brussels says: "King Leopold is doomed. Before the operation was undertaken the physicians were in doubt whether he was suffering from simple intestinal obstruction, which an operation would relieve, or from paralysis of the intestines for which there was no remedy. Since the operation there has been no sign of intestinal activity, and this has led the doctors to conclude that the organ is paralyzed."

Change For Worse.

Brussels, Dec. 15.—In spite of reports that King Leopold is feeling better this morning and the assurance that the royal patient had passed a fair night, the general feeling is pessimistic. Dr. Depage remained at the bedside throughout the night, while two nurses were at hand to wait upon his majesty. The latter, however, was obstinate and insisted that the faithful valet Baizer alone should attend to his wants. Dr. Gossens comes and goes at regular intervals and sees to it that the king does not waste his strength in interviews and conversations. Countess Longay, the king's second daughter, arrived here to-day, but it is rumored that she will not be permitted to see her father because of his weakness.

This evening there appears to be no immediate danger of death, but the king has experienced a return of an intestinal complaint, and it is feared that this will militate against the ultimate success of yesterday's operation. It is reported that Leopold declined to see his daughter Stephanie.

Brief reports from the sick chamber are disappointing. The day is in keeping with the prevailing pessimism. The air is cold and raw, and a heavy snowfall is drifting in the streets. A handful of newspaper men braved the storm to-day and kept watch before the door of the royal summer palace, where the monarch of the Belgians is making a desperate battle for his life.

Death Appears Imminent.

Brussels, Dec. 15.—(Later.)—The death of King Leopold appears imminent. He has had a distinct relapse and is now being kept alive through artificial means.

FIRE IN TORONTO.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—Fire, which broke out again after being left by the firemen, destroyed a block on the north-east corner of Church and Front streets. The loss amounts to \$150,000.

CONSIDERING G. T. P. WHARVES

BOARD OF TRADE
DEALS WITH QUESTION

Official of G. T. P. Met With
Harbor Committee This
Morning.

G. A. McNicholl, purchasing agent of the G. T. P., is in the city to-day conferring with the harbor committee of the board of trade relative to the company's projected wharves in the inner harbor. Mr. McNicholl has come to the city at the request of the board of trade for this very purpose, bringing with him plans of the proposed work.

Mr. McNicholl explained the situation, showing that the length of the wharves to be operated by his company required the wharves being built as projected.

Difficulties in connection with the proposed wharves from the standpoint of interference in the loading out of vessels were pointed out. It was suggested that when the harbor improvements contemplated by the removal of the rock from the harbor were carried out the difficulty would be overcome.

The harbor committee of the board of trade will meet again to-morrow morning, when expert information will be available on the subject.

In the meantime the G. T. P. will continue with its call for tenders for the work. The time has been extended for receiving tenders until December 27th.

NATIONAL BASEBALL LEAGUE.

New Manager of Philadelphia Club
Makes Statement Regarding
Ownership.

New York, Dec. 15.—While the National Baseball League directors were considering the recent transfer of the Philadelphia club, ownership, Horace Fogel, the club's new manager, issued a statement in which he gave the names of the men who now control the club. These, he said, are Harry P. Sauer, A. Brewer, of Philadelphia; A. L. Shields, a prominent corporation attorney of the same city, and Grant Lafferty, of the Orpheum Stock Company. These are the men, Fogel said, who bought the club and put him in control of it.

Some minor deals were concluded to-day when Cincinnati sold Player Dolan to Denver, and Pittsburgh purchased from the Milwaukee Club the release of Player Flynn. The Boston National League Club has released Player Shaw.

GRAIN AVERAGES.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—The crop reporting board of the United States department of agriculture in a bulletin to-day estimated the average weight of measured bushel of various crops to be as follows: Spring wheat, 57.1 pounds; winter wheat, 53.3 pounds; and oats, 32.7 pounds; against 52.5 and 23.3 pounds respectively last year. The quality of corn is 84.2 per cent. against 86.3 last year.

BOMB THROWN AT BISHOP.

Lisbon, Dec. 15.—To-day, the anniversary of the revolt of the seminary, was marked by the throwing of a bomb at the Bishop of Braganza. The latter was uninjured.

The police are looking for the authors of the attack, to which no particular significance is attached.

A small blaze at the premises of the Anderson Confectionery Company, on Gordon street, required the attention of the fire department shortly after 1 o'clock this afternoon. The fire was extinguished without difficulty. The damage done was small.

There is a considerable demand for acreage property in Saanich district. Otto Weller has just purchased 300 acres in the vicinity of Sidney, the price paid being in the neighborhood of \$30,000. Stewart Griffin has disposed of two large sections at North Saanich. The lots included in the Sidney subdivision, which have been placed on the market by the Island Investment Company, are said to be finding a ready sale.

TIDE TABLE.

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MANY CHARTERS ARE ANNOUNCED

SAILING SHIP UNION
DROPS RESTRICTIONS

Rates Quoted by San Francisco
Commercial News for
Pacific Coast.

The International Sailing Ship Owners' Union has removed all restrictions on rates and sailing vessels will, from now until next July, be permitted to accept charters at any rate they see fit.

The Australian coal strike is the talk of the hour among shipping men on the coast. It is reported that three steamers, under charter to load coal at Newcastle for San Francisco port, have been canceled owing to the impossibility of getting cargoes.

The French barque Jacobson was under charter to load at Newcastle for the Sound, but her charter was canceled a week ago. The British steamer Harfleur had about half a cargo loaded for Honolulu when the strike came on, and as she could get no more her load was sold and she is lying idle at the Australian port under time charter.

It was stated yesterday that the Western Fuel Company had chartered the British steamer Bessie Dollar from the Robert Dollar Company to load coal at Oyster Harbor for San Francisco, and that the Belle of Scotland had been taken by another firm for similar business, although this latter rumor could not be verified. It is not thought that there is over 60,000 tons of coal on hand now at San Francisco, and retailers are buying up rapidly at the recent advance of \$3 a ton.

Another charter announced to-day is the French barque Ville de Havre, to load barley here for the United Kingdom for account of Strauss & Co. It is thought she got a rate of about 15s 6d.

The charter of the British ship Celtic Monarch, Capt. Lewellyn, to load lumber on Puget Sound for the west coast of South America has been announced. The fixture of the Celtic Monarch removes another ship from the fleet of disengaged sailers now on the Sound. She arrived on the Sound from Glasgow last August, and since discharging has lain idle at Quarters Harbor.

Other vessels in the fleet have been idle for more than a year, and some for almost two years, and the Celtic Monarch is considered lucky in securing a fixture after but little more than three months of idleness.

It is likely that the British ship Riverside will receive a charter for lumber. She is about the same size as the Celtic Monarch, and has been in the lumber trade.

Charting along the coast during the past week has been light. The San Francisco Daily Commercial News, in its weekly review of the charter market, says: "The only grain fixture on the coast during the past week was for the German ship Elfrida taken to load barley at San Francisco at 17s 9d, a reduction of 6s from the union rate. According to shippers at San Francisco and in the North, the export movement of grain from now on to the end of the season will be extremely light. Wheat at the present prices for export is practically impossible, and there is no likelihood of any change later in the season owing to the good demand for home use. The idle vessels on the coast will likely be compelled to remain over another season unless they can secure lumber fixtures. The French vessels on the idle list will probably be ordered away in ballast."

OFFSHORE LUMBER BUSINESS IS ALSO VERY QUIET AND RATES ARE GROWING LESS ATTRACTIVE TO OWNERS. Puget Sound to Sydney has been done at 20s, and foreign vessels are offering to the west coast at 41s 3d, both figures indicating a weaker market. American vessels are still asking 42s 6d for the west coast.

"In coastwise lumber business \$4 has been done to this port and \$4.50 is the general asking price south."

Offshore lumber rates are quoted as follows: Lumber to Sydney, 20s; to Melbourne or Adelaide, 32s 6d; Port Pirie, 33s 6d; to Fremantle, 35s 3d; to Japan ports (steamers), 35s 3d; Callao, 35s 9d; direct nitrate ports, 40s 42s 6d; Valparaiso, for orders, 40s 42s 6d, with 2s 6d less to a direct port; to South African ports, 52s 6d; to United Kingdom or continent, 55s 6d; Guaymas, 55s; Manzanillo, 55s 25s; Santa Rosalia, 55s 25s; Honolulu, 55s.

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WATERFRONT BONDED WEST OF HARBOR

Will Probably Be Scramble for
Best Locations Available
for Ocean-going Craft.

Ever since it was announced that the plans of the G. T. P. were objectionable because of the narrowness of this harbor at the point where it was proposed to construct a wharf for the accommodation of the company's boats, the eyes of investors and speculators have been turned toward the southern side of the bay where there remains a limited area available for the docking of ocean vessels. Dealers report that since Monday there have been heavy bonding transactions of James Bay water frontage. It is believed that the C. P. R. Co. find their wharf accommodation too restricted for their growing business, and contemplate an extension toward Laurel Point. The two steamers now being built at Glasgow for this company are intended for this trade, and with these additions to the fleet the company's wharves in the harbor, already overcrowded, will be badly congested. It is believed by some that the G. T. P. may seek quarters for their shipping other than those now owned by them on the east side, and that the agents of two transcontinental railway companies will soon be here to compete for water front locations. The situation is very interesting and somewhat exciting, and movements on the west side of the harbor are being closely watched by real estate and shipping men.

CITY COUNCIL AFTER DES MOINES SYSTEM

Civic Committee of Trades and Labor Body Will Recommend it.

The meeting of the civic committee of the Trades and Labor Council which was postponed from last Friday night until Friday of this week will meet to-morrow night. The change in date has been made owing to the fact that other gatherings would interfere with Friday's meeting. It was deemed wiser therefore to meet to-morrow night. The meeting is not to be confined to the civic committee of the Trades and Labor Council alone. All interested are asked to attend. The committee will recommend after studying the various methods of civil government—city, county, and provincial. The Des Moines mode of government. This would provide for the election of a council as at present. The number of aldermen would be somewhat lessened, but each alderman would be responsible for a department of civic work. The recall system is also to be advocated as a check upon the aldermen.

BENECIA NOW LIES AT PORT TOWNSEND

Barquentine Leaked Badly But Was Returning Under Own Sail When Picked Up.

After fighting what, for several days, appeared to be a losing battle with the elements, and sending for assistance through the medium of the schooner Ethel Zane, the barquentine Benecia, Capt. Hayes, made her way unassisted into the Strait while a fleet of tugs and government vessels were vainly seeking her off the coast, where she was supposed to be in a waterlogged condition. She was picked up by the tug Tyne between Port Crescent and Chatham Bay, under sail, and brought to Port Townsend to anchor.

The Benecia left Willapa Harbor for Guaymas on November 30th, carrying a big cargo of railroad ties above and below decks. The following day the vessel ran into rough weather, which increased, severely testing the strength of the craft and the seamanship of the master. When the gales raged worst a leak was discovered, to add to the discomfort and danger, and the larva of water entered the vessel. The vessel strained before mountainous waves until ten feet of water was reported in the hold. On December 9th, while the Benecia was in a bad way, she was spoken by the Ethel Zane, whose master stood by as long as possible and then crowded on all possible sail to run from a position 170 miles southwest of Cape Flattery for relief. Despite her rough experience, the Benecia lost but few sails, and when the breeze calmed down, notwithstanding her waterlogged condition, she was enabled to make fair progress.

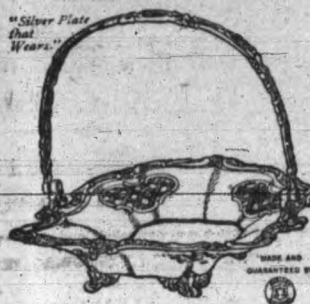
Immediate news of the Benecia's predicament was given out private tugs and government vessels hurried out to search, but apparently missed her, for she sighted nothing in the way of assistance until the Tyne spoke her at the position noted. As noon as the sea calmed down Capt. Hayes was able, with pumps aboard, to materially reduce the water in her hold, which made sailing easier. As she lies at anchor, the Benecia is still deep in the water, but gives no outward appearance of being other than a heavily loaded craft. In all 250,000 lbs. were lost overboard from the deckload. Capt. Hayes' belief is that the leak is not deep, probably in the upper works of the Benecia, which, if true, will materially lessen the expense of repairs. The master bases his belief on the fact that the vessel leaked but little after smooth water was reached.

Pursuant to instructions from Ottawa Postmaster Shakespeare has notified box-holders of an increase in the scale of rent. From the first of the new year the rents will be \$4, \$6, \$8 and \$12, according to size, the higher price being for the large boxes for holding newspapers. The increase is understood to be general through the Dominion and is a grading of the boxes over the smaller size, which heretofore have all been one price, no matter what the size.

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Card Receivers for any lady who has a "Day." And most of them have, so you'll be safe in sending one of these. The little prices should appeal to your purse. Don't imagine because the price is small that style is lacking. \$3 to \$5.

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SANDWICH PLATES make tasty little sandwiches still more palatable. At least these plates would. We have yet to see more attractive patterns—we don't think you have. You are safe in sending one of these. Priced from \$9 to \$5.

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Here is an ideal little gift at a little price and a special value. A dainty pair of open salt cellars with two sterling silver spoons, all in a lined case for \$1.50. We know of no better value in silver and cut glass—know of no other gift at the price that can excel it. Just a sample value from a splendid stock of gift things to be found in this store.

Marmalade Jars at \$3.50

MARMALADE JARS—Of course the marmalade will taste better from one of these handsome jars. Don't let the "original package" disfigure the table—send home one of these. Or send to any home. Priced from \$7.50 to \$3.50.

Tea Trays From \$10

TEA TRAYS—How about a Tea Tray for some homekeeper? Serviceable and stylish—a gift bound to be appreciated by any married woman. We have just received some splendid styles. Prices range from \$20 to \$10.



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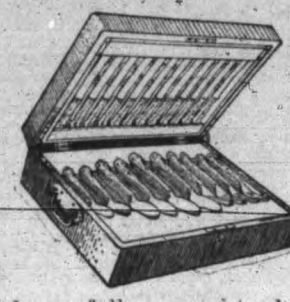
A handsome article and just as practical and useful as it is handsome. Whether it is used to serve plain baked beans or the most dainty dessert, it recommends itself to every housekeeper as most desirable. From \$5 to \$15.

Special, Spoon Tray, Newest Thing, \$4.50

Here is the very newest thing in Spoon Trays—a handsome pierced silver design. A most attractive shape. Ideal as a gift piece and special value at this price. \$4.50.

Candleabra From \$12.50

CANDELABRA—We have never offered you a better assortment of these. For a woman who delights in an attractively "laid" table here is a gift suggestion of merit. Come and see these at from \$17.50 to \$12.50.



Fern Pots From \$3.50

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Berry Dishes From \$4

BERRY DISHES—Always useful. It is only necessary to call attention to unusual style to get you interested in these. Come in to-day and let us show you our new ones. Prices range at from \$10 to \$4.

Crumb Sets From \$4

CRUMB SETS—A silver crumb set strikes us as being a desirable gift. An item that'll be used several times each and every day of this and many years—for the silver is of the best—it'll wear. From \$50 to \$4.

Cake Baskets From \$4

CAKE BASKETS—The day of the cake basket is again dawning. And we are ready for the demand sure to come. The new arrivals are exceptionally fine. Send a cake basket—bound to be appreciated. From \$10 to \$4.

Some Charming New Arrivals in Sterling Silver

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STERLING MOUNTED MUSTARD POTS, from \$2.00.
STERLING MOUNTED SALTS AND PEPPERS, pair \$1.50.
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STERLING SILVER SALT SPOONS, at \$1.50.

STERLING MOUNTED CUT GLASS VASES, at \$3.50, \$3.00, \$2.50, \$2.00, \$1.50, \$1.00, \$75c, \$50c, \$40c, \$30c, \$25c, \$20c, \$15c, \$10c, \$7c, \$5c, \$4c, \$3c, \$2c, \$1c.
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STERLING SILVER OLIVE FORKS, at \$2.00 and \$1.50.
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STERLING SILVER BABY SPOONS, at \$2.50 and \$2.00.
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THE WOMAN WITH THE SERPENT'S TONGUE?

William Watson Explains the Circumstances Which Inspired Poem.

William Watson, the English poet, whose last volume of verse has set all England gossiping, principally on account of the poem "The Woman With the Serpent's Tongue," made the following signed statement to the New York Times, a summary of which appeared in these columns a few days ago:

"The Woman With the Serpent's Tongue" is a composite photograph of Mrs. Asquith and her stepdaughter Violet. The poem is a portrait of the physical characteristics of Mrs. Asquith. The latter is the voice of the family, and rules them all. Violet is the real official voice, speaking with authority.

"She is a 'who' slights the worst in the land, sneers at the just, and looks on its grave."
Mr. Watson, at the same time, gave to The Times an account of a visit he made in June last to Mrs. Asquith, wife of the British Premier, and her stepdaughter, on whose personalities he says he based his poem. This account he prepared soon afterwards to explain the circumstances under which the poem was written and the incidents which inspired it. The date on which this was written was June 29th this year.

"Last Friday week I happened to meet Mrs. Asquith and her stepdaughter, Miss Violet Asquith, at Stafford House. Miss Asquith asked me to come to tea at 10 Downing street on the following Tuesday. I called. While I was there a man crossed the garden. I said, 'Is that one of the secretaries?' Miss Violet Asquith said, 'Yes, that is Nash; that is the man who used to write C.B.'s speeches for him.' (C.B. was the late Sir Henry Campbell-Bell, Baronet, Mr. Asquith's predecessor as Prime Minister.)
"Do you know," she continued, "I have often wondered whether some of those phrases of C.B.'s that caught on so much, such as 'methods of barbarism' and that sort of nonsense, really came from C.B. or from Nash." I suppose I looked rather surprised. She said, 'Yes, and you know he appeared to think after my father became Prime Minister, that the same sort of services would still be expected of him.'
"I laughed, of course, and although I was very much surprised at such reference to Mr. Asquith's predecessor in the Premiership, I preserved the politest demeanor possible and said, 'Well, with all respect to Mr. Nash, I suppose even the British public would easily detect the difference between Mr. Asquith and Mr. Nash.'
"She said, 'Yes, no doubt they would; but I would like to tell you this:

Shortly after my father became Prime Minister he was going down to Scotland and Nash was seeing him off at the station, and just as the train was about to leave the platform Mr. Nash bowed in a very respectful manner. 'Perhaps this will be of some use to you,' my father put it aside at the time and forgot it, and then some time after he said: 'Perhaps we had better look at this and see what it is,' so he opened it and found that it was a speech prepared for him by Mr. Nash."
"I said, 'Your father must have been frightfully annoyed, surely?'
"She said, 'Well, what troubled him most about it was this, that he wanted to make it quite clear to Nash that this sort of thing was no longer necessary, but he felt it would be difficult to say it in a way that would not hurt his feelings.'
"This was an honest man, who spoke the truth."
"The hated truth," whether men heard or no.
He stood for honor, justice, courage, truth.
"He is gone—and they, too, go."
"I wrote to Miss Asquith, saying that I had improvised a little tribute (the lines quoted above) to the memory of the late Sir Henry Campbell-Bell, a man, that great-hearted man, 'I said, 'whose mere phrase 'methods of barbarism' did so much to awaken the drugged conscience of England.' I added, 'I shall be delighted to write it to your book, if you ever care to give me the opportunity.' I posted the letter

and the quatrain to her very late that night, and she certainly would not receive it until the following morning. Within, I should think, a couple of hours of its delivery, I received, to my great astonishment—for I thought I had flung the most unforgivable insult at this family—a letter from Mrs. Asquith herself, in which she said:
"Dear Mr. Watson,—It will give me Violet enormous pleasure, I am sure if you will write this for her. What I want you to do is to copy for me your favorite lines on Wordsworth's grave, and on another piece of paper some of Wordsworth's own lines that give you the most pleasure. I will be infinitely grateful. Haste. Yours sincerely—Margot Asquith."

HUMAN-MUSICAL BOX.

A most peculiar case came before the Newmarket (Eng.) Board of Guardians, recently, when it was stated that a girl boarded out by the Guardians had developed a complaint which caused her to emit curious sounds which made the villagers describe her as "having a hand of music inside her." A schoolmistress stated that this musical sound could be heard all over the school, and her foster-parents asserted that when she was upstairs they could hear this "hand of music" distinctly. A lady medical inspector, who had seen the girl, advised that she should be sent to the hospital to undergo an operation and solve the mystery. This was agreed to.

TENDERS.

SEALED TENDERS, marked "Tender for S. S. Vidette," now on the ways at White Horse, Yukon Territory, addressed to the undersigned, will be received up to noon on Tuesday, 15th February, 1910.

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American bottom.
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The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
No payment will be made to newspaper inserting this advertisement without authority having been first obtained.
FRED. WHITE,
Comptroller,
R.N.W.M. Police,
Ottawa, 1st December, 1909.

KITCHENER HAS GONE TO AUSTRALIA

Word was received yesterday by the steamer Montague that General Viscount Kitchener, having received a splendid reception everywhere in the Orient, left Singapore on a Dutch steamer, going through the Dutch East Indies, in the neighborhood of which he was to have been met by H.M.S. Encounter, on which he would continue his journey to Brisbane, Australia.
According to the Chinese newspapers, Gen. Kitchener is a different man to what he was a few years ago. He is no longer the immovable, insurmountable, heartless soldier which he was usually pictured to be, but is the genial, courteous, Irishman of tradition. He may have learned sunny ways from the people of the Celestial empire, but more probably the blood of his fathers is asserting itself.

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from any stomach disorder you can get relief within five minutes.

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News of Greater Britain

United Kingdom

NAVAL ACTION IN WAR.

LONDON. At a meeting at the Royal United Service Institution, the other day, Douglas Owen, the lecturer, remarked that it was impossible to estimate, and difficult to overestimate, the national dangers that were likely to arise from a food panic arising at the moment when we found ourselves plunged into war. Advancing propositions to meet the case, he suggested that in case of urgent need we should be prepared to intercept and bring in any neutral vessels carrying food supplies, paying such compensation as the facts might warrant; and that, on the outbreak of war, no vessel whether British or neutral, should be allowed to carry food supplies from any port in the British dominions to other than a United Kingdom port.

A discussion followed, during which Professor Holland said he thought the suggestions of the lecturer were of a somewhat startling character. No doubt, under the stress of a food panic we should have to do something very strong, but it was inadvisable that we should sail forth into the Channel and take hold of neutral vessels.

Commander Coburne remarked that when war broke out our soldiers and sailors would have to come to the front and the upholders of international law would have to take a back seat.

Admiral Close remarked that if he was in command of a frigate in the Channel, knew his fellow subjects were starving, and he came across a ship laden with corn—did they suppose he would think about international law? (Laughter.) No! He would "turn her in." (Laughter and hear, hear.)

The chairman, summing up the discussion, remarked that naval action in war must be guided to a certain extent by international law. "But," he added, "where we find we cannot do that we should have to break the law."

USES OF AVIATION.

LONDON. At the Authors' Club dinner a discussion took place on aeroplanes. Mr. Moore-Brabazon predicted that the commercial possibilities of aeroplanes were going to be seen in South Africa, Australia, and South America, and in those countries where there were no roads, because they would be able to fly over rocky ground, forests, rivers, and mountains.

C. S. Rolls, on the other hand, said that, with regard to the future, he was not a great believer in the commercial possibilities of the aeroplane for a long time to come. Neither did he believe that a person would be able to go into the street and blow four whistles for an aerostat. Nor did he believe in the invasion of England by airships, not in the landing of large armies by that means. On the other hand, the fact that there was a large highway in the air already made and waiting to be used would undoubtedly prove of great value, and there would be a considerable number of machines sold for sporting purposes, because the fact that there were no police to stop and at present no taxes offered considerable attraction from the sporting side (laughter).

The real value of flying machines would lie in their military use, as in reconnoitering they would be invaluable. He was convinced that dirigible balloons must take an important part in the next European war, and that the dropping of explosives would be an accomplished fact. Mr. Rolls emphasized the fact that, from an aeronautical point of view, Great Britain was no longer an island, for, with the establishment of German airship stations close to the coast, crossing the Channel would be a mere incident in the flight of an airship. Undoubtedly the best protection against foreign airships was to have them ourselves.

No Church Politics.

In opening the Diocesan Conference at Liverpool the Bishop said that the two social problems which the church had to face were intemperance and impurity. While they thanked God that drunkenness was decreasing among men, they profoundly mourned that it was increasing among women. There were whole neighborhoods literally sodden with drink, where the clergy and laity were doing little or nothing to remedy the evil.

He uttered a note of warning against the identifying of the church with one of the great parties of the state, as it included most of every political color. It must truckle to none, allow itself to be captured by none, and its clergy must not preach party politics from the pulpit.

Taximeter Hansoms.

The drivers of London's horse-drawn cabs, hit by the motor cabs and the failure of the recent attempt on a small scale to bring in a sixpence a mile fare, are in desperate plight.

The tentative adoption of a registering taximeter on their cabs was a failure owing, it is affirmed, to lack of unanimous action, and at a meeting last night of the cabmen who live in South London—members of the local branch of the London Cabdrivers' Trade Union—it was agreed that their only hope of salvation lay in the adoption of a taximeter by all the horse-drawn cabs of London.

Speakers after speaker declared that, as things were drifting now, the end must quickly come. "Let it be a death struggle with the motors," said one, "by our all putting on the taximeter."

The resolution adopted was in favor of an initial fare of sixpence. A campaign is to be arranged to secure complete unanimity between masters and men all over London before final action is taken.

AUSTRALIA.

South Africa

TREASURY RETURNS.

PIETERMARITZBURG.

The publication of the treasury returns indicates that Natal will enter the union in the most favorable financial condition. Never perhaps in the history of the colony has the outlook been brighter. Not only is the trade and commerce of the country in a most flourishing condition, but the agricultural industry is showing greater activity than ever before. Good rains have fallen in the country districts in the past few days.

Speaking in the legislative assembly, Col. the Hon. E. M. Greene, K.C., Minister for Railways, said the Natal government railways would be absolutely the most prosperous and best railway asset brought into the Union.

Fighting Cattle Fever. The government is determined to spare no effort or expense in fighting the cattle fever. The sum of £100,000 is to be provided for this purpose. Up to the present time quite £300,000 has been spent in keeping the herds of Natal free from the disease.

Export of Grain.

An inter-state South African Conference is to be held shortly to organize the export of grain for the ensuing year.

Manhood Suffrage.

The legislative assembly has rejected the Manhood Suffrage Bill. In view of the near approach of federation, it is considered that the question of franchise should be left to the Union parliament.

NATAL RAILWAYS.

PIETERMARITZBURG.

Official statements have been published showing the apportionment of earnings and expenditure to main and branch lines of the Natal government railway for the year ended June 30th last. The total earnings were £1,339,528, as against £1,338,888 for the preceding year, and the expenditure £1,225,629, as against £1,234,054. The earnings were made up as follows:—Passenger traffic £280,159; parcels traffic £22,234; goods, minerals, and live stock £1,402,989; mails and miscellaneous £32,491; and the expenditure is divided as follows:—

Maintenance of ways and works £178,788; locomotive power, £47,165; carriages and wagons (repairs and renewals), £173,626; traffic expenses, £341,909; general charges, £70,997. Interest charges on capital amounted to £514,007. The net profit for the year was £152,287, (as against £113,176.) The working expenditure was 64.76 per cent. of the earnings.

The estimates for the year ended June 30th, next provide for a sum of £1,807,850, including consolidated revenue fund £3,144,780, and consolidated loans fund £263,670. The following amounts are required from the loan funds:—Agricultural works, £64,287; public works, £176,325; railway works, £132,297; railway construction, £293,948; harbor works, £61,173; telegraphs, £14,940; and Natal's share of the expenses of the Natal Convention, £844, of which £294 has already been paid. In the agricultural vote is a sum of £10,000 for fencing.

New Zealand

STRIKE OF COLLIERIES.

WELLINGTON.

Notwithstanding the reassuring statement of the Minister of Mines that the department had no dispute with the coal miners, it was learned today that there was no likelihood of a strike, the men have now ceased work. The strike affects 400 miners, and as their average earnings amount to 14s. per day it is difficult to see what ground for complaint they have on the score of wages.

Supplies of coal from Newcastle, New South Wales, have, of course, completely stopped in consequence of the strike there, and the situation is assuming a serious aspect. The Cabinet are firm in their determination not to concede the demands of the men, which are considered absolutely unreasonable, if not trivial. The alleged grievance is over the question of trucking coal.

Last year the profits from the state coal mines amounted to £11,000, and the yearly output is about 250,000 tons.

Five Drowned at Rakai.

A sad drowning fatality, in which five persons lost their lives, is reported from Rakai, in the South Island, about thirty-five miles from Christchurch.

The boat in which a party were rowing on the river upset, and the following were drowned: Mrs. Baxter, Miss Runtree, James Baxter, Thomas Hannah, and Harvey Hannah.

Trade of Dominion.

According to figures just published, the trade of New Zealand is in an all-round flourishing condition. During the financial year 1908-9 the exports exceeded the imports by £1,000,000. The splendid prices realized at the sale of the season's wool clip should go far towards putting the internal business of the country on a thoroughly sound footing.

On the suggestion of the Premier, the Hon. Sir Joseph Ward, the House of Representatives has agreed to the substitution of a 2½ per cent. surtax on the present import duty in place of the present primage duty of 1 per cent. This will save considerable inconvenience to importers.

Australia

KITCHENER'S VISIT.

MELBOURNE.

It has been arranged in connection with the visit of Field-Marshal Viscount Kitchener this month that Major-General Hoad, C.M.G., Inspector-General of the Commonwealth Military Forces, shall go to Port Darwin to meet him, and tender the first welcome of the government. Lord Kitchener will arrive by steamer from the east, and he will trans-ship at the Northern Territory port into H. M. cruiser Encounter, which will have previously arrived with General Hoad on board.

During the long voyage through the Northern tropical seas and down the coast of Queensland, the great leader will have the advantage of the company of Australia's most experienced soldiers. Inspection will be made of the fortifications and garrison at Thursday Island, and at various points along the coast. At Brisbane members of the Federal Ministry will be present to give an official welcome to the distinguished visitor.

Camps of Inspection.

The military authorities are arranging for a series of eight-day inspection camps in each of the states. Altogether there will be about 22,000 soldiers in attendance at these camps, and it is expected, nearly 100,000 cadets, rifle club members, and other unattached bodies.

Naval Agreement.

The naval agreement arrived at by the Empire Defence Conference has been ratified by the House of Representatives without a discussion. It is stated on the authority of the Melbourne Age that the government are about to introduce a Naval Loan Bill to empower them to borrow £4,000,000 for the purposes of the new scheme.

NOTED CRICKETER'S POST.

ADELAIDE.

J. N. Crawford, the famous Surrey county cricketer, has accepted a post as master of St. Peter's College, Adelaide. He will be quite a welcome acquisition to Australian cricket. It is hoped that he will arrive in time to play for South Australia in the interstate matches during the present season.

Popular Governor.

Admiral Sir Day Hart Bosanquet, the governor, is making himself extremely popular here by his practice of paying visits to the country districts in various parts of the state. By this means he has soon made himself familiar with the resources of South Australia. That he is favorably impressed by his observations is shown by the flattering remarks he made at the Mount Gambier Agricultural Society's show. The agricultural prosperity of the districts he had visited, said his excellency, was wonderful. He predicted an enviable future for the fortunate residents of Mount Gambier, which was not only rich in the agricultural sense, but possessed beautiful scenery.

GREAT WHEAT YIELD.

ADELAIDE.

The agricultural and pastoral outlook in this state is excellent. According to a reliable estimate the wheat harvest this year will exceed 20,000,000 bushels. This will be an average of over 1½ bushels per acre, and should leave available for export nearly 17,000,000 bushels. The harvest prospects are daily improving.

WORK OF MISSIONARIES.

PERTH.

Replying to a deputation of missionaries, the Premier, the Hon. N. J. Moore, said the State spent £25,000 a year on the aborigines. He had regretfully come to the conclusion that the missions were unsuccessful, and that the natives were better off under state control.

Wheat Harvest.

The latest forecast of the wheat harvest is 5,000,000 bushels, but the recent rains and the improvement in general conditions may very easily bring about a substantial increase in this total.

Albany as Port of Call.

The state legislature assembly has carried a resolution requesting the Commonwealth government to add Albany as a port of call for mail steamers under the new contract with the Orient company, but as this agreement was signed in November, 1907, and named Fremantle only as the Western Australian stopping place, a vital alteration at this stage is generally regarded as impracticable.

New Goldfields.

Parties of Western Australian prospectors are now travelling from Derby and Broome to the new Tanami goldfields in the Northern Territory of South Australia. It is expected that deep alluvial will be found in the flats of this field when they are properly prospected.

Sensational crushings of gold ore continue to be reported from outlying districts. At the Leonora state battery a small parcel of these ores from Messrs. Murray and Gerke's lease returned over 245 oz., or an average of more than \$1 oz. per ton.

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The Empire

Mr. Asquith's Followers.

Mr. Asquith's followers are apparently anxious and willing to ally themselves openly with the people who oppose religion, who desire to abolish the Throne, and look to Messrs. Grayson and Keir Hardie for guidance. But not all of Mr. Asquith's followers will agree to the compact. Already there is proof that the country will not be led by the nose. It detests Socialism. It detests sham and hypocrisy. Liberalism, which to-day means political cant, is doomed. No wonder the sound old Liberals are shaky in their allegiance to the party no longer controlled by real Liberals. Tariff Reform and anti-Socialism are winning converts hourly. The die is cast and Liberalism is as good as dead. Next January every vote given to Mr. Asquith will be a vote given for Socialism. Every vote given for Socialism is a vote given for the overthrow of the present bases of order, religion and morality.—London Express.

A Liberty Open to Abuse.

It is essential that the standard of difficulty golf should be the same for everybody. We do not think that up to the present any appreciable advantage has been gained by the use of any of the "freak" clubs. But it is undeniable that a state of affairs exists in golf, in this matter, unknown in any first class game, and that the liberty given is open to abuse.—Golf Illustrated.

No Time For Reading.

The book trade is supposed to have suffered from the development of motor cars and golf, and this winter the craze for rinking is likely to further encroach upon the leisure of the people for reading.—Publishers' Circular.

Merely Rhymesters.

There ought to be scope for every variety of poetic energy and, in our cynical society the dearth of witty, ironical and satirical verse is serious. Our poets are drawn from one dwindling tribe—the tribe of romantic rhymesters.—Athenaeum.

London's Money Market.

We are inclined to believe that already the augmentation of resources in one centre involves the serious curtailment of the means of financing local businesses; while the funds accumulated in London are naturally employed to the best advantage from the shareholders' point of view, and are thus more and more largely devoted to aiding foreign and in many cases rival enterprises. London's liabilities have in this way been enormously extended, and in fact we here come to the undoubted reason for the fluctuations in our bank rate.—Daily Graphic.

Unemployed and Tariffs.

French official figures give a percentage of seven to eight per cent. of unemployment, and this is regarded as an over-estimate. Germany reports a great scarcity of labor, and the New York labor department reports that there is no unemployment at all in the commercial capital of the United States, and that employers in many trades are begging for men. The existence of the American tariff has supplied a fine recuperating power, and the United States has recovered with complete success from a state of affairs which would have staggered a free trade nation for a generation.—Daily Express.

If some of the British money which goes away every year for investment abroad were to be employed in giving our own colonies and workers a chance, the benefit to unskilled labor would be as great as that which tariff reform is certain to bring to skilled labor. The ultimate result of the process would be the peopling of the Empire with our own sons and daughters. The prospect is attractive, and if it were combined with a new Unionist land policy which aims at creating small freeholds in England, just as we are doing in Ireland, much would be done towards solving the problem of unemployment.—Morning Advertiser.

England Sober and Healthy. The virtue of sobriety, which has already traversed the upper and middle classes with such good results is percolating to the lower strata of society, and all the influences of the time are more favorable than they have ever been to the diffusion of knowledge upon the elementary problems of health.—Hospital, London.

We Lead.

It may be urged that we exchange little to-day with our over-sea rivals in the actual art and craft of naval architecture and shipbuilding. That may be in one sense true; we lead.—Shipping World, London.

Church and Municipal Elections.

It is of the first importance that church voters, men and women, should remember that it is their plain duty to vote for council candidates who will recognize the demands of common justice and see to it that there should be no discrimination against voluntary schools. Indifference or abstention at such a time would be unpardonable.—Guardian, London.

Bones of an Army.

The next secretary of state for war will find as a legacy from his predecessor an admirable scheme, a framework, a skeleton which only requires clothing and the supplying with real flesh and blood to give us an army which shall set our feet free for the unfettered performance of their legitimate duties, and thus enable us once more equitably to maintain the balance of power in Europe.—Broad Arrow.

The King has promised a donation of £500 to the National Trust for Places of Historic Interest or Natural Beauty, for a scheme to preserve the view of Windsor Castle as seen from the river near Broom's Barn.

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"NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION ACT."

Notice is hereby given that the Cameron Lumber Company, Limited, having its registered office in the City of Victoria, British Columbia, is applying to His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada in Council for approval of the area plans, site and description of works proposed to be constructed in that part of the waters of Victoria Harbor known as Selkirk Water, between Point Ellice bridge and Halkett Island, being on the lands situate, lying and being in the City of Victoria, British Columbia, and known, numbered and described as Lot "D," Garbally Estate, and has deposited the area and site plans of the proposed works and a description thereof with the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa, and a duplicate thereof with the Registrar-General of Titles in the Land Registry Office, in the City of Victoria, British Columbia, and that the matter of the said application will be proceeded with at the expiration of one month from the time of the first publication of this notice in the Canada Gazette.

Dated this 14th day of December, A.D. 1909. CAMERON LUMBER COMPANY, LIMITED.

Per D. O. CAMERON, Secretary.

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And take notice that at the expiration of one month from the date hereof application will be made to the Governor in Council for the approval thereof.

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What Other People Think

AN APPRECIATION.

To the Editor: During a residence of several years I found no difficulty in discovering that comparative stagnation reigned in Victoria until the year 1908. And that 1908 and 1909 brought about very remarkable changes for the better throughout the entire city. The magic wand was firmly held and wielded, with marked discretion during that period by a level-headed, graceful man, who, to our regret is about to vacate the civic chair.

But the rough he has made smooth for his successor, who, like the victor, can now successfully handle the reins, without fear of many practical mistakes. He has given to the city many lasting monuments in iron, stone, concrete and cleanliness. The Victoria baby of to-day toddles over them amidst a population of not more than 40,000; and again purchases with feeble steps in 1909 when the population amounts to 50,000; as the plans and work of our passing mayor are not "shoddy." It was not he who placed the monuments on Quadra cemetery, in a row, far removed from the resting place of the "ashes" they were intended to mark for the guidance of sorrowing relatives, who return (as on a recent occasion) to place a wreath in memoriam, not on a distant stone, but on the actual spot where the body was interred.

Well, we will wish him God speed, and still more increased professional demands upon his time. A large majority would keep him another year in the chair if he wished to stay. "Let us bear the ills we have, than fly to those we know not of." It seems there is something astray here with the application, although the quotation is certainly correct.

But let it go—he will know what I mean.

AN ACQUAINTANCE.

A WORKINGMAN'S VIEWS.

To the Editor: I read with interest the letter in last night's Times signed "K. S. G.," who tells us that the workingman's wife is the person who needs cheap labor most. Now, I belong to the working class and get my \$2.50 per day, the average rate of pay in this city. I am subject to the same conditions as the Chinaman gets. I contend that the white man gets the less while the white man gets. A true workingman's wife (not one of the "K. S. G." stamp, who employs the Chinaman to do the housework, laundry and cooking) does not need the Chinaman as it is a pleasure to her to have her husband come home to a nice, clean house and cheerful fire and a good wholesome supper cooked by herself, while the hearty greeting and few words of praise she receives from him will do more to make her happy than the service of a dozen Chinese. Then, again, a workingman cannot afford to employ a Chinaman, and often when times are bad the wife is compelled to go out to work for some of the rich so that she and her husband may have food to eat. The average workingman who works home and found the Oriental cooking his supper would take him by the pigtail and sling him outside. "K. S. G." says thank goodness the Chinaman breeds in China and the little you pay him goes out of the country towards that family's support is not a flea bite to the service he renders you.

Well "K. S. G." since you have been so frank as to tell us that, just apply it to the white man who breeds in Canada and you won't be far wrong. But drop that head tax business. If you want a Chinaman I will get you fifty on two days' notice.

J. T.

MORE ABOUT ORIENTALS.

To the Editor: From correspondence "A. B. C." writes as if the free entry of Chinese was something new instead of being the old bad way, tried and found wanting. They had a tough time in Australia until they restricted them. Cheap cooks and stable hands may be very desirable for such as "A. B. C." irrespective of consequences, but this country has a few things to think about as well as that.

As for the suppositious buyer of a property and his question, "What about servants?" If it ever happened he must have been a remarkably ignorant man. I admire the other gentleman, who said his wife was not to be a slave, but perhaps he would like some one else to fill that temporal office. Black, white or yellow would not matter.

Did A. B. C. ever think how much larger Victoria would be if every Chinaman was replaced by a white, in all the mills and other places? Now we are all more or less interested in the growth of the city. Whites would want a decent house to live in. They would not herd 16 in a room, like our Mongolian friends do. This would mean trade all round and help to build up the country.

If there is one thing Canada does not want it is the man who comes here with a suit case, the here to-day and

gone to-morrow. Such are no good, no matter what their color may be. As for bringing in a yellow swindle, who can be brought out easily, it might give a passing advantage to "A. B. C." but it would never benefit the country. What we want is men to come and stop; white men like ourselves, not necessarily from our own parish, but with the ideals and manners of European civilization. Such will build up a nation here the same as in the United States. What is the use of advertising in England to try and attract people here if the Chinaman is to come in easily? We had better hand the province over to China and clear out.

It is funny reading about the railway builders becoming a burden when the job is done. Is it not a fact that the railways are intended to be a commencement, not a finish, and the class of man who build them can usually look after himself. Why bring the city employees into the question? Did "B. C." ever hear of the head of a private firm sitting at the foreman and that, too, without blaming the foreman for firing him?

Then the trades unionists are accused of getting a shave at a Mongolian barber's. Rightly or wrongly I do not know. I have never seen a white man entering a leaving a Chinese barber's. Now when such trash as this is introduced into a discussion of this kind it shows one thing, viz: that someone is hard up. No man uses a bad argument in his case if he can see a better. Then Canon Beaulieu must be invoked. We know his views and knowing them, beg to differ. What he thinks right this country won't do, and as he can get domestic in England cheaper than a Chinaman he will be under no necessity to import a cook there.

The idea of limiting the employment of Chinese is contrary to our accepted ideas. Of course the advocate of such things would only use it as the thin end of the wedge to get more later. There are too many wealthy bankers, railways, miners, etc., in the province to allow this. These people at the present time employ as many Chinese as they can. If they could get more easily they would use more and the whites, who, after all is said, are the only ones to build up the place, would be crowded out.

I do not understand the Chinese alphabet. If I did I would take a few figures for my signature. I must leave the English for our friend and possibly a few admirers of his to hide behind.

C. G. BROWN.
Crown Nest, Harewood Rd., Victoria.
B. C. Dec. 10th.

HELPING THE GRAND TRUNK!

To the Editor: I see by the Times that the Grand Trunk Railway and Steamship Company is appealing for help, and also that this same great company is changing its route on the mainland so as to be a mighty boon to Cadillac and Lillooet and the rich will do us no harm. But I wonder if our north country. But I do not see there is any demand for principle or interest by the province, nor demand from Victoria for a bonus to build immense wharves and offices in our harbor. Yet the Grand Trunk is calling for help.

Is it not humiliating to every Victorian that there should exist any organization or body of men ranging themselves as obstructionists to the advent of the Grand Trunk in Victoria harbor? It would seem as if Mr. Hays must have felt humiliated when it became necessary to write that letter to our board of trade.

From the October 20th issue of the opposition is to be expected. But has this gigantic bleeder sapped all the life-blood of our city? In return for free building sites, free pavements, free water and free taxes, does it presume to throttle and strangle and crush out every spark of business enterprise, of industry, of progressive policy, of independence that should be with us a proud heritage? Who pay the dividends on its ferry steamers? Answer, the local people of Vancouver, Seattle, and Victoria. The tourist, the transcontinental, the cosmopolitan pays nothing. Witness the travel of last summer during the A. Y. P. exhibition, from Toronto, from Winnipeg by the hundreds of thousands bought tickets to the coast. The price was the same whether they turned at Vancouver or went back home, or whether they went on by boat to Portland. They got the same service free, but the patrons of these coast cities are held up for exorbitant rates if they wish to go anywhere.

And yet, Mr. Editor, it would seem as if there were organizations, cliques, and individual citizens here in Victoria who would join with this octopus

In trying to obstruct a means of relief from these monopolistic and burdensome conditions. God save Victoria! SELF-PRESERVATION.

HELPING

To the Editor: Well, sir, I give up. Maybe you don't know I was "picking" out a place for the landin' of the ferry from Englishman's Bluff? Yes, sir, and I went over to get a pointer from James Bay, but they told me they couldn't spare the room and didn't think there was any. Then I went to the board of trade and I got a pityin' smile, and they said if I knew the trouble they were havin' tryin' to get the Grand Trunk landed on its own property I'd know better than to come to them. When I got to the Dock Association they threatened to sue the dog on me if I dared mention the idea of anyone disturbin' their equanimity. So I went to the Parliament Square and raised a big laugh on me. That's all I did raise. Sure; they said, "I would be time enough in ten years from now. After that, though it was discouragin' I tried the city council and gave up. I ferred to a committee of one, but he told me his boss wasn't in favor of any more steamships muddyin' up our beautiful waters. As a last attempt I went across to the big chief of the Songhees, but he made signs that he was afraid it might interfere with the plans of his friend, Dhruric. So I give up, and went and sacrificed the little home so I can go some place where they do things different.

SO LONG.

BRITISH ARMY RESERVES.

To the Editor: It is a mistake to refer to men of the British army reserve as "Old Soldiers." It is also a bad taste and somewhat dangerous to refer to them as "Old Soldiers." There are many hundreds of them in Victoria alone.

H. M. S.

FAVORS THE CHINESE.

To the Editor: Now that the dust from the provincial election has cleared away, the labor problem seems to have again made its appearance upon the horizon. While no practical solution of this momentary question has as yet been put forward, I firmly believe that events will prove that it is very unwise to procrastinate. Every thing points to the fact that the year 1910 will be one of unprecedented prosperity in British Columbia, and if there is a labor shortage, it will be experienced in all its severity.

What, with the great number of miles of railway to be constructed in this province, and the numerous commercial enterprises which are slated to come under way, it is absolutely essential that labor should be obtained in abundance. If laborers cannot be secured, then the result will most assuredly be disastrous to the interests of the province. The statement made recently in London by Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson, that construction on the G.P.E. would be accelerated if sufficient labor was available gives us a striking forewarning of what conditions will be next year if a remedy is not applied.

Now where is the labor to come from? The Salvation Army has endeavored to obtain laborers from the Old Country, who would naturally and properly be preferred, but their good intentions seem to have fallen by the wayside. I think that when so charitable and influential a body as the Salvation Army is discouraged with the outlook, it is absurd for all government or corporation to anticipate success.

I, for one, would like to see laborers brought here in large numbers from the British Isles. When I say laborers, I do not include the scum of the cities, but I have reference to the honest, intelligent and industrious Old Country laborer, who, in coming here, is actuated by a desire to better himself and at the same time better local conditions.

Now, as it seems permissible for us to eliminate the Old Country from the discussion, laborers only being procurable there in small numbers, the only place we can look to supply the want is the Orient. From China we have received a large number of emigrants, and I do not think that they will be contented in saying that they do the work well. This is easily substantiated by the fact that Chinese domestics are always in demand, and they generally retain their positions until they voluntarily leave.

The Chinese laborer, however, cannot be successfully lured to the Chinamen, as I know of cases where they are employed at very high wages. Not only as a domestic, but in collieries and on railway construction, is the Chinaman employed, and is given a fair scale of wages.

A great deal of this antagonistic sentiment towards Orientals is ill-grounded prejudice, which can only result in a detrimental manner to the Indians, a cherishing of it. I hold, Mr. Editor, that no matter what countries laborers hail from, as long as they discharge the duties assigned to them with energy and ability they are entitled to employment.

I do not desire to appear as the champion of Oriental labor, but I as-ert that their employment is unavoidable, and that in preference to any other, but as a last resort in a case of dire necessity.

I have no hesitation in predicting that if the present barriers to Oriental immigration are maintained, no labor is forthcoming from Europe, the year 1910 will be one of disaster to commercial and industrial enterprise in British Columbia.

T. MANSELL, JR.
Salt Spring Island, B. C., Dec. 13th.

STORES HERALD CHRISTMASTIDE

The West End Grocery.

The West End Grocery is ready for Christmas in the most real sense of the word. Its readiness does not consist merely in a willingness to sell whatever goods it ordinarily keeps on its shelves. Rather it is its state of preparedness the result of careful thought and long planning in advance. Only personal experience in many a previous Christmas campaign could have enabled the manager to provide so adequately for every possible demand of the most exacting and enlightened customer.

It goes without saying that in such a store, with its ample floor space, its unusual storage facilities, its convenient arrangement and its adequate staff of efficient clerks, the everyday needs of the average person will be promptly and satisfactorily filled. It is in the store, however, that the manager's art is embodied in the selection of goods. Where else, for instance, would one look for that last word in the confectioner's art embodied in crystallized natural fruits? Who that has tasted pineapple of cherries or their native flavors, will ever descend again to sticky artificial sweets? By all means, reader, if you are not already a devotee, brighten this Christmas of 1909 and make it memorable as one on which you first closed your teeth on a slice of crystallized pineapple.

The managerial foresight that can in mid-July take steps to so well indicate the Christmas board as has been indicated, can well be left to attend to every other detail with equal thoroughness and success. One looks over the crates apples piled tier upon tier in the basement with added respect for the capacity of the Victoria public; for these, it is promised, will disappear like the snows of May. For quality these apples could not be surpassed. Hand-picked, individually packed, labelled "Fancy," they are for the man that will have nothing but the best. Then there are Malaga grapes—literally tons of them—selected, not because they were the largest, but because they were the juiciest, and best Malaga grapes that money could buy. Also there are—but why attempt a catalogue? Let your Christmas be the merrier for a visit to the West End Grocery on Government street.

Acton Brothers. The development of Yates street, particularly of that portion of it lying between Government and Douglas streets, has resulted in a great increase in business for many of the firms located on this thoroughfare. The double tracking of Douglas street, and the proposed plan of routing in-bound Government street cars by Douglas and Yates streets, will undoubtedly result in still further augmenting business activities in this vicinity. Of the firms that have already benefited by the changed conditions, the grocery house of Acton Brothers, is one of the most prominent. While carrying everything needed for the household, they have added a new department of delicacies and confectionery, all that is best and freshest in the line of edibles, the firm have made preparations for supplying those needs that arise only at this season of the year. Bonbons, chocolates and candies for the Christmas festivities are abundantly stocked, as well as an array of holiday stockings that will make many a juvenile eye twinkle with delight on the morning of the 25th.

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The routing of the Fort street cars along Douglas street has made a busy corner of the store occupied by the Capital Furniture Company, and the business of the company has been kept well in advance of the line of progress. Whatever increase in the volume of trade may be induced by the approach of Christmas will be fully shared by the Capital Furniture Company, and its patrons are assured that satisfaction will come from a shopping errand well executed.

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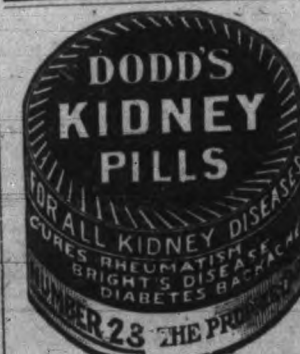
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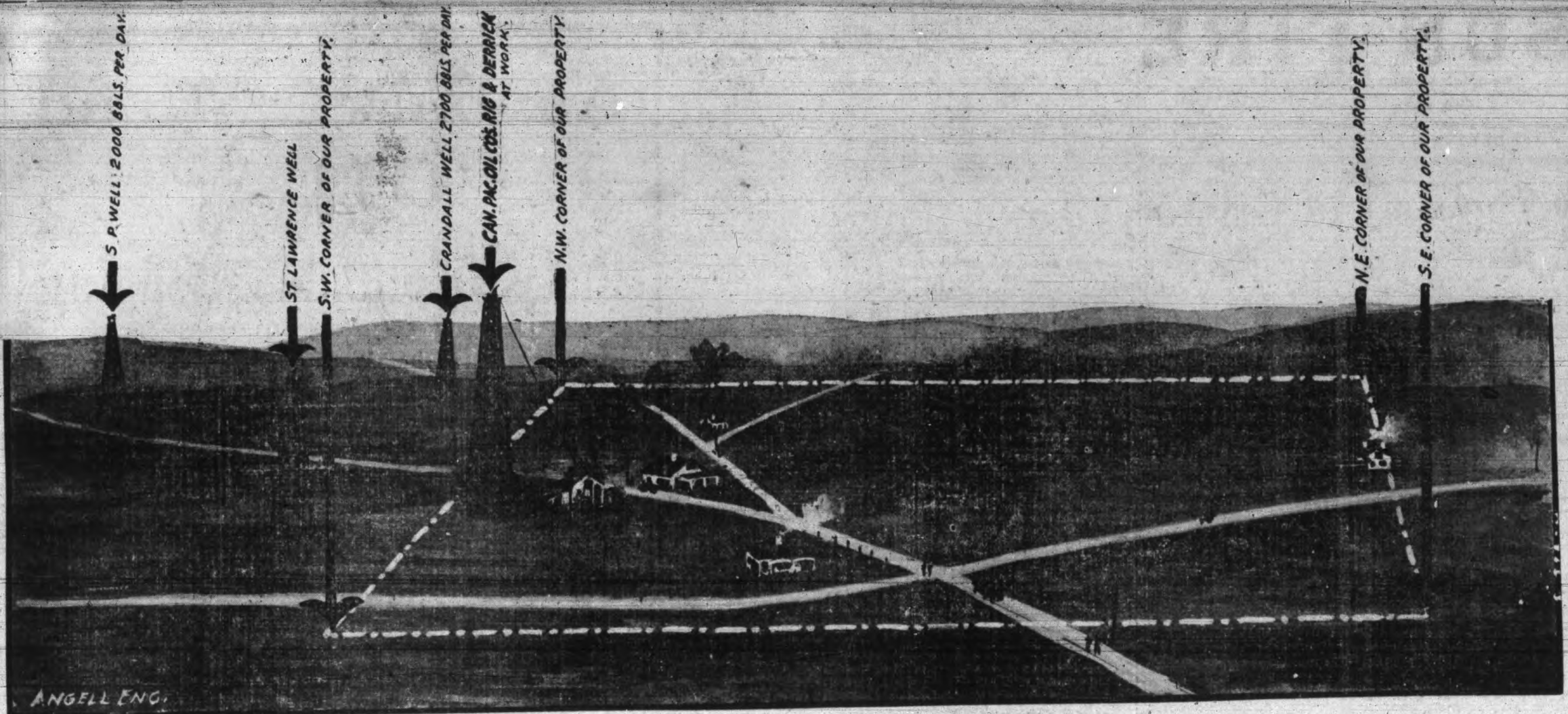
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Social and Personal

W. Davis is spending several days in
Seattle.

E. V. Bodwell left last night for
Vancouver.

Miss Haynes is visiting friends in
Vancouver.

Miss Grant of Seattle, is visiting
friends in this city.

E. E. Welch was a passenger for the
mainland last night.

G. Drysdale was among yesterday's
arrivals from Seattle.

W. Mesher was among last night's
passengers for Seattle.

G. E. Munro and A. G. Thompson left
last night for the mainland.

J. S. H. Matson is spending several
days in Vancouver on business.

W. O'Neill sailed for Vancouver last
night on the Princess Victoria.

A. G. Holt and C. S. Darling were
passengers from the Sound yesterday.

F. B. Pemberton went over to Se-
attle on a business trip last night.

R. Wood, of Seattle, is spending a
number of days in this city on business.

Capt. Jones crossed over to Vancou-
ver last night on the Princess Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. A. McLean were pas-
sengers from Seattle yesterday after-
noon.

Mrs. H. Millington, after spending a
few days in Seattle, returned to this
city yesterday.

John Arbuckle, after spending sev-
eral days in Seattle, arrived back to
this city yesterday.

Geo. L. Courtney, who for several
days has been in Seattle on business,
returned to this city yesterday.

Gordon Halkett will leave to-night
for Ottawa where he will spend some
time before returning to this city.

R. W. Hodson, live stock commis-
sioner for this province, left last night
on the Princess Charlotte for Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Abbott, of Vancou-
ver, who have been spending several
days in this city, returned to the Ter-
minal city last night.

H. J. Scott, general manager of the
Hamilton Powder Co., returned to this
city yesterday after spending several
days in Seattle on business.

The marriage of Miss Lillian Lemon
Watts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John
H. Watts, is to take place in the
Metropolitan Methodist church on Wed-
nesday afternoon, December 29th, at 3
o'clock.

The N. W. A. A. mid-winter dance
was held last evening at the A. O. U.
W. hall. The attendance was large, the
music was excellent, and the floor in
fine condition. At about midnight sup-
per was served. It also was a credit to
those in charge of the arrangements.

IT WEAKENS THE MIND

Fear of Disease Not Only Causes
Nervous Prostration, But
Often Insanity.

An experienced teacher in one of our
largest schools says the teaching of
physiology in school creates hundreds
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"I was vastly interested at school in
physiology, and it was, I think, my
best class. Teaching seven years,
however, imposed great strain upon
my nerves, and I found it easy to apply
to various organs many of the symp-
toms caused by thin blood and weak
nerves. If my heart palpitated quick-
ly, I imagined I had heart disease. If
a cold got hold of me, I saw the hor-
rors of consumption. Finally my mind
dwelt so much on the horrible pros-
pect of some dreadful disease, I wor-
ried myself into a state of complete
collapse. I am now, thanks to the
great rebuilding power of Ferrozone,
perfectly well. There wasn't a very
much the matter with me but nerve
and blood debility, so when Ferrozone
has, soothed, and strengthened my
nerves, and had renewed my blood, I
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The attraction at the Victoria the-
atre next Thursday night, will be "The
Soul Kiss," the novelty song suc-
cess and terpsichorean triumph. After an
entire year on Broadway and visits to
but few of the principal cities of the
country, this much-talked-of musical
comedy is making a tour of the coun-
try that will extend from coast to
coast with the most complete organi-
zation and scenic equipment that has
visited this section of the country in
years.

The premier danseuse, Pertina, has
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London, Paris and Berlin and the new-
ness of her dances will doubtless be
one of the most pleasing features of the
entertainment. She is assisted by a
special ballet of ten of the best to be
found in London. Besides these there
are thirty of the handiest Broad-
way chorus girls. In reality "The Soul
Kiss" might be aptly termed "A Beauty
Congress."

PREPARATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER

Seasonable Recipes That Will
be Found Useful by
Housewives.

The approach of Christmas makes the
Anglo-Saxon give greater thought to
his stomach. Below are some useful
recipes for the season:

Tasty Plum Pudding.

Two pounds each of raisins and cur-
rants, the former seeded and chopped,
the latter picked over, washed, and
drain one pound each of butter, sugar
and powdered beef suet, two and one-
half pounds of flour, quarter pound
shredded citron, half ounce each of
cloves and mace, a teaspoonful grated
nutmeg, one cup brandy, two cups
milk, twelve eggs.

Beat the whites and yolks of the
eggs separately, put the yolks with
the creamed butter and sugar, add the
milk, the flour and the beaten whites
of the eggs, the spice and brandy.
Dredge the fruit thoroughly with flour
and put with the rest of the pudding,
and when all have been stirred to-
gether until blended, put into a pud-
ding cloth which has been wrung out
in hot water and well floured on the
inside. Drop into a pot of boiling
water and keep at a steady boil for
five hours. As the water cooks away
replenish the pot from the teakettle.
When you are ready to take out the
pudding lift it from the pot and plunge
at once for an instant into cold water.
Turn it out immediately on a hot
dish. Serve at the Christmas feast
with both hard and liquid sauce.

Christmas Fruit Cake.

One pound each of flour, butter, su-
gar, raisins and currants, one-half
pound of citron, two teaspoonfuls of
nutmeg, one teaspoonful of cloves, one
tablespoonful of cinnamon, a gill of
brandy and twelve eggs.

Seed and chop the raisins, wash the
currants and pick them over, cut the
citron into shreds. Rub the butter and
sugar to a cream, add the beaten yolks
of the eggs and half of the flour, put
in the spices, the whipped whites of
the eggs, the rest of the flour, the fruit,
quart of sherry and then the well
dredged with flour, and then the
brandy. This quantity should make
two big cakes, and they must be baked
at least two hours. Let them cool in
the pans before taking out, and do not
ice them until they are entirely cold.

Mince Meat.

Two pounds of lean beef, boiled and
when cold, chopped fine; one pound
beef suet, freed from strings and pow-
dered; two pounds raisins, seeded and
cut in half; two pounds currants,
washed thoroughly and dried; one
pound citron, shredded fine; five pounds
of apples, peeled, cored and chopped;
one tablespoonful each of cloves and
allspice; two tablespoonfuls each of
cinnamon and mace; a tablespoonful of
salt; a teaspoonful of ground nutmeg
and two and one-half pounds of brown
sugar. Mix well together and add a
quart of sherry and a pint of good
brandy. Mix well and put aside in a
stone jar to mellow.

Molasses Candy.

Put together in a porcelain-lined
saucepan two cups of thick molasses
—New Orleans preferred— a cup of
brown sugar and a gill of vinegar.
Bring slowly to a boil, stirring the
syrup frequently. After it has cooked
for half an hour begin to test it by
dropping a little into water. When it
hardens between the fingers it is ready
to pull. Stir into the syrup a table-
spoonful of butter, and a teaspoonful
of baking soda dissolved in a little
boiling water. Take from the fire at
once, pour into buttered dishes to be
pulled. If you wish you can add nut-
meats to the taffy.

The hands which pull the candy
should be dipped in flour or lightly
buttered. In these days I don't know
how much candy-pulling is done, but
in my young days a candy-pull was
a favorite amusement, and there was
rivalry as to who could pull the candy
to the lightest color and most brittle
consistency.

Pure Sugar Candy.

Mix one-half pint of cold water and
two large cups of granulated sugar
and put into a porcelain-lined sauce-
pan over the fire. As soon as the
sugar is fairly dissolved add to it a
small spoonful of cream of tartar
dissolved in a very little cold water.
Keep the candy at a steady boil un-
til a little of it hardens when dropped
into cold water, take from the fire,
flavor with vanilla and turn into greas-
ed pans.

As soon as it begins to stiffen cut it
into squares with a greased knife and
leave it in a cold place until it hard-
ens. If you prefer you may pull it
as you would molasses candy.

Chocolate Fudge.

Two cups of granulated sugar, one
cup of cold water, two-thirds of a
cup of grated chocolate, one table-
spoonful of butter. Boil all together
until the syrup threads from the tip
of a spoon or hardens in cold water.
Pour out into a greased pan, and as it
stiffens cut into squares. If you wish
you may add the stiffly beaten white
of an egg just before taking from the
fire.

The fudge is made more sugary by
stirring after it leaves the fire. When
nuts are to be added they may be put
into the candy just before it comes
from the fire, or stirred in the butter-
ed pans and the candy poured upon
them.

Maple Fudge.

Put over the fire a pound of maple
sugar broken into small pieces and a
cupful of milk. When it comes to a
boil put in a tablespoonful of butter
and cook until a little of the syrup
hardens in cold water. Take from the
fire and stir until it stiffens and be-
comes sugary at the sides of the sauce-
pan. Pour into a greased pan and
mark with a buttered knife into
squares.

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dances and a dainty chorus in
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and legitimate comedy. During the
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Chicago it was witnessed by many of
the so-called first nighters, who
boasted of never having seen a musical
comedy before. It was a daily oc-
currence to hear some one say, "I
must see 'A Girl at the Helm' again
before it closes," and it asked how
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Bridges Damaged by Recent Heavy Rains Not Yet Repaired.

(Special Correspondence.)

Otter Point, Dec. 14.—There is much dissatisfaction among residents of the south side of Sooke river at the delay in starting the work of repairing the bridge across that stream, a portion of which was carried away as a result of the heavy rains last month. As most of the traffic between Victoria and Sooke has to cross this bridge and now has to be ferried over in a row-boat, it is causing much inconvenience. The bridge across Muir creek was also carried away by the unusual rains of two weeks ago. This is not such an important structure as that at Sooke river, but will inconvenience the settlers on the west of Muir creek, and also the construction party on the Shirley-Jordan river road, which numbers 18 or 20 men, and the supplies for which have to be taken across Muir creek.

A social was held in the Tugwell Creek schoolhouse on Friday evening last. Dancing had a prominent place on the programme, and was interspersed with singing. The evening passed all too quickly for those present.

Arthur Floyer, J. P., has added another panther scalp to his already long list.

In a previous issue in reporting a "shadow social" held at Otter Point school house, it was stated that the sum raised was \$15. The amount realized at that gathering was \$115.

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George Fuller, a Grimsby, Eng., coal lighter, who has saved eight lives, was presented with the Royal Humane Society's medal and a donation of \$5. He also received a similar amount which had been offered by the Grimsby Coal Lighters.

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VERNON PURCHASES

THREE LOTS OF LAND Extension of City Lighting Plant—Road Work Going Ahead.

Vernon, Dec. 14.—At the last meeting of the city council the Finance Committee reported that it had entered into an agreement to purchase the three lots immediately to the rear of the city hall as authorized for the sum of \$1500.

Ald. Husband reported that work on the Seventh Street extension had been pushed forward as expeditiously as possible, but they have decided to close down the work for the present year as the weather conditions now are such that work cannot be carried on at all satisfactorily and cheaply.

The fill in the creek bed is entirely completed, giving a good roadway of an average width of 20 feet and covering up the sewer, this being the most they had hoped to attain this fall. The total expenditure to date, Ald. Husband reported, on roadwork is about \$240,000.

The mayor and all the aldermen expressed themselves as being well pleased with the work accomplished, and congratulated Ald. Husband as chairman of the board of works for having carried out this extension of Seventh Street to the hospital so satisfactorily and expeditiously.

One or two electric light matters were brought up and discussed, and Ald. Husband asked if a systematic canvass of the city would not result in a number of extensions of the light and a reduction of the rate. He noticed that gas lighting produced on the premises by small plants are becoming quite popular with a number of the business people.

Ald. Swift, chairman of the Electric Light committee, said that his department is at present working to the utmost, and felt that canvassing was quite unnecessary. He further stated that it would be difficult to reduce the price at present charged, in any marked degree, even if the system could be materially increased and further pointed out that in the ordinary course of events, they would have to put in a new complete plant at the power house in a year or so, as the present plant is taxed to its full extent at present.

The matter then dropped.

NEW CHURCH FOR NEW WESTMINSTER

West End Methodists Have Purchased Site for Edifice.

New Westminster, Dec. 14.—Still another new church is mooted for New Westminster. The congregation of the West End Methodist church have had the matter under consideration for some time, and plans will shortly assume tangible shape. The members are now worshipping in the old Presbyterian church which they bought their original place of worship, situated on Sixth avenue, which offers a more desirable location on account of being away from the car line.

SHEEP CREEK CAMP

Nelson, Dec. 14.—An evidence of the faith of Vancouver business men in Sheep Creek district was afforded during the past week by the Amalgamated Gold Mines of Sheep Creek, Limited, the head-quarters of which are in the Terminal City, making the final payment necessary to complete its title to 25 claims in the heart of the Sheep Creek district. With the number of mines in that camp already secured at depths and widths, new ones, little known a few months ago, are developing even beyond expectations. Sheep Creek is rapidly emerging from the difficulties of pioneer camps and lack of capital, and, in the opinion of well known mining men, is destined to take its place among the larger gold camps.

George Fuller, a Grimsby, Eng., coal lighter, who has saved eight lives, was presented with the Royal Humane Society's medal and a donation of \$5. He also received a similar amount which had been offered by the Grimsby Coal Lighters.

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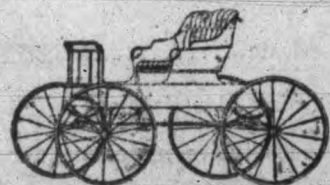
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KAISER'S BROTHER CONTRADICTS BLATCHFORD

Prince Henry Characterizes Part of Story as "A Beastly Lie."

London, Dec. 15.—A telegram appeared in the London papers yesterday from Prince Henry of Prussia, dealing with a series of articles, written by the Socialist Blatchford, which are being printed in London.

In these articles, Blatchford declares that Germany is making preparations for war on a large scale, and is building a great navy, which can only be destined for use against England, and includes the statement that officers of the German warships are in the habit of daily drinking the simple toast, "Am Tag," meaning thereby a day attack on England.

Prince Henry's telegram characterizes the last statement as "a beastly lie from beginning to end," and adds: "We honor and respect our British naval brother officers, with whom we are proud of being on friendly terms."

War Secretary Haldane, addressing a political meeting in Scotland Monday night, said he did not think Germany had the least intention of invading Great Britain. The German people, he believed, desired to live well with the British, but he added, "We shall keep our powder dry."

NOT EXPENSIVE COATS.

Even a London tailor who sought trade in Canada, said, "Semi-ready is alright, but it is expensive." It's the latest conspiracy to preach "expensiveness" in trying to curtail the expansiveness of the Semi-ready system. One can buy a Semi-ready winter overcoat for \$15, which is as well tailored as the coat which a journeyman tailor charges \$15 for the making alone. That could hardly be called expensive, for the same overcoat costs 3 guineas in London.

George Bertram, Colossus of the "father" of the Seaforth High School Association, is 90 years of age, and has drawn a pension for over 40 years.

The best and strongest bill for months, is the verdict of patrons of the New Grand theatre this week, where there are five strong acts as diversified as any bill that has been here. The Brothers Whitman, wonderful contortionists, head the bill in a splendidly staged scene from the jungle, in which the brothers appear as a frog and an alligator. The opening scene is done with the animal actions and then the head pieces are cast aside and the two perform some astonishing back bending feats that makes the audience believe they are boneless. The act is thrilling in the extreme.

Miss Childress and J. C. Romisch appear in a delightful singing and comic act called "A Stronous Pupil." The act carries a lot of singing and the pair have splendid voices. The turn meets with approval and several curtain calls.

Gertrude Van Dyke, a singer with a male and female voice, sings several amusing songs and appears in a number of characters, all her dressing being done on the stage before the audience. Her last effort, an operatic solo, sung with both voices, is a cultured effort and her earlier songs are humorous and well sung also.

Ray Fern pleased with several songs and his imitation of Bert Williams' song, "That's Plenty," receives loud applause.

The McLinn brothers on the horizontal bar, present a most acceptable turn. One working as a straight acrobat, while the other in the comic character, throws in a whole lot of good and clean humor. Thomas J. Price is receiving a good reception for his singing of the funny ditty, "The Preacher and the Bear," and there are two moving pictures and the orchestra plays "Wild Cherries," a melodious and well-set ragtime overture.



MAST, KING OF HANDCUFFS, AT PANTAGES THEATRE THIS WEEK.

The bill at the Pantages theatre this week is the best that has been given for many weeks. Every act is a headliner. Goodhue and Burgess, who introduce singing, banjo playing and dancing, carry their own special scenery. Miss Burgess gives a very clever impersonation of a Bowery tough. Mantell's Magnikens are a scream to the old and young alike. The transformation scene at the finish of their act would be a credit to a full stage extravaganza show.

Mast, the handcuff king, is mysterious.

ing many as to his escape from the water barrel. This young man takes his life in his hands every time he enters the barrel, and must be seen to be appreciated. On Friday night he will attempt to escape from a galvanised iron tank with the cover soldered on in view of the audience. The tank is made by the B. C. Hardware Co. as a sort of challenge and can be seen in their window.

Mr. Elwell's song is better than usual, and the pictures, "The Story of the Rose," are pathetic.

STUDY OF BALFOUR AS PUBLIC SPEAKER

Interesting Description of Conservative Leader as Orator.

Place: Queen's Hall. Time: eight p. m. The building is packed. The floor is snowy with white shoulders and white shirts gleaming together. Round the balcony are battle cries: "We fight to win." "On our record we stand." There is no fiscal motto, but the names of Chamberlain is hung up beside the names of Balfour and Lansdowne, Beaconsfield and Salisbury. The platform is crowded with a motley gathering, ranging from Lord Hugh Cecil to Mr. Fred Horner. Obscurely wedged among the congested nonentities on the right is Sir Edward Clarke, fierce-eyed, his stern lips grinding together like millstones. Says a writer in the Montreal Standard.

Suddenly a tall, lithe, lean man glides into view. It is Mr. Balfour. There are heavy pounces under his dark eyes. Dark pouches. They make the eyes solemnly mournful and delicately sad. I think of Hamlet. Yes, Mr. Balfour is Hamlet. As he floats by like a shadow in a frock coat, I long to see him in doublet and hose, talking to the skull of Yorick instead of to Sir Edward Clarke. He has the Hamlet temperament, the subtle mind playing in the subtle face, intellect shifting in features that are carved into a tenuous preciosity of contour. The contrast between the visage of Sir Edward Clarke, and the visage of Mr. Balfour is violent; it is the lily and the lion, the rapier and the rock.

Slowly he unfolds his long legs. While he speaks, my thoughts roam in the Italian Renaissance among the Medici and the Borgias. Is this man modern? Is he a twentieth-century reincarnation of some suave and supple Florentine? The infinitely crafty face is moulded and modelled into bland, polished surfaces and fluently blended curves. The whole man is sinuous. His bristled hair is pomaded sleekly down to the nape of his neck in waves that end in rippling undulations. His face is oval, and the line of the jaw from ear to chin is a flowing swerve. The chin is daintily rounded, and the slender, tapering fingers love to fondle its shaven surface. The forehead is broad and slopes slightly back into the thinned hair parted neatly in the middle. The ear is very small, very graceful, very delicate. The nose is sensitively meagre, neurotically sharp and thin, almost shrewish in its acridly keen outline. The skin is a clear olive, a warm glow of color under its fine texture. The forehead part seems the effluence of the lower part of the face. It is an intellectual head, with pensive imagination in the meditative eyes, gently tinged with faint, elusive scorn and reticent derision. Ambivalence is the dominant expression. Analytic in temper, the man sucks amusement from the human comedy. He is Harlequin to himself, finding humor in his own emotions and force in his own beliefs. Politics he deems a crude game, but it is the subtlest game that is played on the card-table of the world, and it serves.

The cheers light his face with a boyish smile that shows his white teeth under the sliver moustache. Hamlet becomes Prince Charming. I long to see him in pantomime. How exquisite it would be the sleeping beauty! Stay, he is Romeo and Paolo, Pellens and Tristan. A romantic hero. He ought to wear armor and live in perpetual limelight. He is too fragile, too fine, too sweetly nice for the platform. Lord Randolph Churchill called him Postlethwaite. He is Postlethwaite. Even this polite mob shocks his fastidious senses. He ought to live under a rose-hung pergola, singing songs to his guitar. Darnley, Rinaldi and Chasteland—why images of romantic phantasms and intellectual angels? He is a grizzled Rossetti lover, a weary Burne-Jones knight, a fatigued figure in a Morris tapestry.

Naturally indolent, he holds himself up by grasping the lapels of his frock-coat. Though intensely self-conscious, he is no dandy, and looks old-fashioned in his lowest Shakespeare collar and prim clerical black tie. His gestures are casual and irrelevant, being mainly contrivances for the arrangement of his hands. They seldom hammer home a point, though now and then he rubs it a sneer with a scratching finger on cheek or chin, and stands like an expectant comedian waiting for a over-due laugh.

He is fond of the actor's pose. His oratory is theatrical, studded with tricks of voice and eye. He has no fund of genuine passion. His wrath is rhetorical, factitious, fictitious. He is best in piano perisidage and meticulously modulated sarcasm. His vices are passages are forced. He is indignant with an effort, and you feel he could argue against his own arguments. He is literary in his phrasing, and polishes his periods in the air. His utterance is hesitant. He stammers fluently, picking and pecking at his words, refining his refinements, splitting split hairs. He is fastidious in his gibes, gleaming over his pin-pricks of irony, but he is bored with the absurdity latent in his own opinions, and he can laugh at his friends as well as his foes.

His foible is superiority to follies. His affectations are those of the artist, the dilettante, the aristocrat. He pretends to avert his eyes from his audience, and he would like to play to a pit of snufflers. He has a trick of rolling his eyes towards the roof before an epigram, though sometimes he

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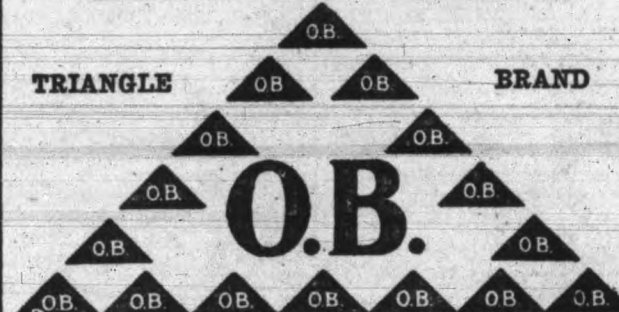
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